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- ▶ Business Picture After reaching an all-time high late in '55 the business boom has developed some soft spots. Automobile production is down slightly along with output of home appliances. Housing starts have dipped below previous high levels and farm income has taken another slide. On the plus side: industry's total output remains high along with nonfarm employment. Personal income continues at a record level and there is no let-up in business spending for plants and equipment.
- ▶ Income Payments— Though personal income in the early part of the year was a bit under 55's last quarter, the annual rate still is an impressive \$313 billion. Consumer spending has eased somewhat with most of the decline being in consumer durables, primarily automobiles. Total retail sales in February were about 2% under January. Since September 1955 retail sales have averaged about \$16 billion monthly.
- ► Inventories Up—Both manufacturing and trade inventories climbed during the year's first quarter. Much of the increase is centered in the automotive industry. However, manufacturers of other durables and non-durables also are expanding inventories.
- ► Construction—Expenditures in February, at an annual rate of \$41.5 billion, were up from previous months and the outlook for future building activity is brighter. Housing starts, weak in recent months, have risen to an annual rate of more than 1.2 million.
- Consumer Credit—Total consumer credit outstanding in the first quarter was \$35.6 billion, approximately equal to 13% of the annual rate of consumer incomes after taxes. This compares with \$29.8 billion a year ago, which was 11% of income after taxes at that time.
- ▶ Wholesale Sales Sales by the nation's wholesalers as the year opened were 12% above January, 1955. Hardware wholesalers for the month reported average gains of 15%. In the South increases by regions were as follows: East South Central, 11%; South Atlantic, 13%; and West South Central, 10%.
- ► Employment—Despite a dip of some 300,000 workers in February, the total civilian labor force at 62.6 million had grown substantially larger than the 59.9 million of a year ago.
- ▶ Rise in Prices Under the pressure of constant demand prices at the whole—sale level have inched upward. In March distributor prices averaged about 2 1/2% higher than a year ago, the highest peak since early in 1952. Consumer prices have not as yet followed the trend in wholesale prices but some upward adjustment is likely during the year.

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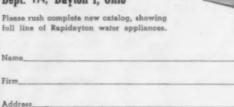
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Question: What other retail outlets are your most serious competition and on what lines?

R. W. Jacobs, Manager Zac Lentz Hardware Victoria, Texas

"OUR MOST serious competition comes from drug stores and supermarkets, and they compete with us particularly strong on all housewares and more particularly on aluminum.

"One reason why they're cutting in on our volume in these items is that both supermarkets and drug stores re-

main open longer hours than the average hardware store, and they also have heavier customer traffic. Particularly they attract more women.

"We're gradually overcoming some of this competition, however, by use of a number of factors. For example, we deliberately stock housewares of better quality than generally found in drug stores and supermarkets, since one of the main appeals made by this competition is price. We do not depend so much on impulse buying of quality housewares. When a woman comes to the hardware store, she comes for a definite purpose, to buy a definite item. We combine advertising to induce her to come to the store for better housewares and inviting housewares displays to attract her attention when she comes in for some other

"We are increasing our housewares stock, improving our display facilities and advertising housewares more than formerly. We likewise are making our entire store more attractive to women by use of modern fixtures and more attention to floor and window display. "Housewares are a natural line for the hardware store and we believe that proper attention to merchandising the lines will restore housewares and especially aluminum to their former important position in the hardware store."

Blaine J. Farmer Farmer Hardware Co. Knoxville, Tenn.

"GROCERY, variety and drug stores are proving to be serious competition. They now carry housewares, appliances, nails and some other hardware lines.



"The supermarkets especially have taken on more such lines which are in competition.

"We have found the best way to meet

competition is to have good merchandise, open displays and the right prices. We have our lines out where people can see them and can easily select what they want. We have some items displayed on the wide sidewalk in front of our store, so that people passing may see them and our big glass fronts let people see inside. We also have lighted displays along the walls. When we moved from our old store across the street to our new building we arranged modern open displays of complete lines in most everything wanted by hardware store customers.

"We plan to add a checkout counter, the same as supermarkets have. I believe in semi-self service, but not complete self-service in a hardware store. We still try to give our customers good service. We also run 'specials' right along in meeting competition."

Robert Brickman, Owner

Piney Branch Hardware Takoma Park, Md.

"THE DISCOUNT house and chain drugstore are getting into more and more lines all the time, presenting serious competition for the hardware retailer who frequently



has no weapons of his own to combat them. Such lines and products as mowers, wheel goods, and appliances, in fact any item over

\$5, are the ones that the discount houses go after, undermining the volume that the hardware retailer has taken years to build up.

"My answer to the discount house is service. We have a basement repair shop equipped at a cost of \$4,000 to repair, overhaul and sharpen mowers, to fabricate machine parts when they are not available, to file saws, repair wheel goods, overhaul doorchecks and make innumerable other repairs that customers come in for. As a tool maker and machinist, I instruct customers in home repairs and improvements. Service is something that a customer cannot get at a discount house or chain drugstore. Dependable maintenance service is essential to a customer buying a power mower, and that is why we can hold our own on this item.

"Service brings people back. Traffic created by service is a stimulant to sales in all departments. Service saves people money and builds goodwill.

"Quality merchandise is another weapon with which the hardware retailer can combat the chain

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Lewis Promoted in Sales by Henderson & Baird

HENDERSON & BAIRD Hardware Co., wholesalers in Greenwood, Miss., announces the promotion of J. Howard Lewis to executive vicepresident in charge of sales for



J. Howard Lewis

both Greenwood and Greenville. The appointment is effective immediately, according to H. L. DeLoach, president.

Lewis has represented the company in the Greenwood territory for a number of years.

Utica Sponsors Contest for Distributor Group

UTICA Drop Forge & Tool Corp., Utica, N. Y., was scheduled to begin nationally a hardware distributor salesmen incentive program on April 15.

The contest, known as Utica's Lucky 7, will run for 90 days. It offers hardware distributor salesmen cash bonuses for sales on seven of Utica's tool displays. The contest will close July 15.

The seven bonus displays include two adjustable wrench displays, numbers W-5 and W-8; the Merchantman stocking display, number H-18; the Tool Merchant, number H-8; and three glass door oak display cases, numbers A, B and G. There is no charge for any of the display fixtures, according to the manufacturer.

Utica Tool Sales Manager Frank Marshall stated that the permanency of these units will mean restocking orders and plus sales for distributors.

Reid Cox to Represent Portable Electric Tools

GEORGE W. Weatherby, vicepresident in charge of sales, Portable Electric Tools, Inc., Chicago, announces the appointment of Reid Cox as representative in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Florida.

General Sales Manager of Mathias Klein Dies

H. B. WILSON, general sales manager of Mathias Klein & Sons, Chicago, Ill., died at his home February 16, 1956. Wilson was



H. B. Wilson

born in Wimbledon, England in 1878.

After wide experience in the hardware field, he joined Mathias Klein & Sons in 1915. Throughout his life he was active in serving the hardware industry and was past president of the American Hardware Manufacturers Association.

He is survived by two children, Margaret Humphreys and Harry B. Wilson. For the last 10 years he made his home in Kenilworth, Ill.

New Plant Underway for Snapper Products



The new plant, now under construction at McDonough, Ga., where Snappin' Turtle Power Mowers will be manufactured beginning this summer, will contain over 78,000 square feet of space—almost two acres of factory facilities. McDonough Power Equipment, Inc., (formerly Southern Saw Works) plans to move its present Atlanta plant on completion of the new, modern plant in McDonough





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O. H. Mann Passes Away At Home in Dallas, Tex.

O. H. Mann, who for many years has been one of the Southwest's most prominent and most successful wholesale hardware executives, passed away at his home in Dallas on April 1 following a brief illness. He was 69 years of age.

Born in Walthall, Mississippi, Mr. Mann entered the hardware business in Tyler, Texas with the J. R. Adams Hardware Co. He came to Dallas in 1923 as credit manager for a wholesale grocery company, then joined Higgin-



O. H. Mann

botham-Pearlstone Hardware Co. when this wholesale house was formed in 1926. He was secretary-treasurer at the start; but has been vice-president and general manager of the company since 1930.

Mr. Mann has long been one of the most active members of the Southern Wholesale Hardware Association and the Texas Wholesale Hardware Association and was a past president of the latter organization. Surviving relatives include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Meredyth Mann Newberry, of Dallas; two sisters and three grandchildren.

Scovill Manufacturing Promotes Hathaway

ScovILL Manufacturing Co., Waterbury, Conn., announces the appointment of J. North Hathaway as assistant sales manager, garden hose accessories sales, Merchandise



J. North Hathaway

Division. The appointment became effective March 1 and Hathaway was to be located in Waterbury.

Hathaway joined Scovill in 1946 as a salesman in the Los Angeles office. In 1952 he was transferred to the Chicago sales office. In 1954 he was appointed sales promotion manager, garden hose accessories, Merchandise Division.

A native of California, Hathaway is a graduate of the University of California. He now lives in Cheshire, Conn.

Savage Arms Appoints Assistant Sales Head

O. E. PAULEY has been appointed assistant to the sales manager of the Lawn Mower Division of the Savage Arms Corp., Chicopee Falls, Mass., it was announced by



O. E. Pauley

A. W. Schenck, sales manager.

Pauley joined Savage in 1953 as sales representative in the middle Atlantic states with headquarters in Richmond, Va. Prior to that time, he traveled for the C. M. McClung Co., Knoxville, Tenn. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee.

Pauley will have his headquarters at the general sales office at Chicopee Falls.

Dallas Wholesale Credit Managers Name President

LEE D. MILLER, credit manager of The Schoellkopf Co., Dallas, Texas, has been elected president of the Dallas Wholesale Credit



Lee D. Miller

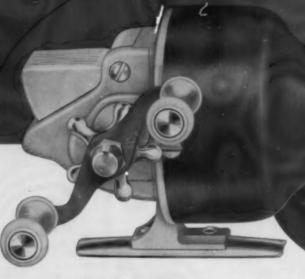
Managers Association. He has been credit manager of the wholesale organization since 1941 and has served on the board of directors of the Dallas credit managers association for the past three years.

Gronberg Resigns; Now Manufacturers Rep

GLEN GRONBERG, of Rockford, Ill., announces his recent resignation as western sales manager of The Washburn Co., Worcester, Mass., manufacturers of Androck products. His new business will be that of manufacturers representative, covering Illinois and surrounding states, with lines directed to the hardware and housewares trade.

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Decker, President of Black & Decker, Dies

ALONZO Galloway Decker, chairman of the board, president and one of the founders of The Black & Decker Manufacturing Co., makers of portable electric tools,



A. G. Decker

died at a Baltimore hospital March 18.

Mr. Decker, 72, had been president of Black & Decker since the death of its other founder, S. Duncan Black, in 1951. Before that, and from the time the two men started in business together in 1910, Mr. Decker had served as vice-president and general manager.

From the beginning, Mr. Decker devoted his efforts to the designing and manufacturing phases of the business and Mr. Black handled sales and administration.

Black & Decker Mfg. Co. Elects Black President

ROBERT D. Black was elected president and chairman of the board of The Black & Decker Manufacturing Co. to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alonzo G. Decker on March 18. At the same time, Alonzo G. Decker, was elected executive vice-president of the company. These elections were announced immediately following a recent meeting of the board of directors at the company's offices in Towson, Md.

At the same meeting, J. Theodore Wolfe, executive vice-president of the Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., was elected a director of the electric tool company; Black was named chairman of the executive committee of the board, and John T. Menzies, president of the Crosse & Blackwell Co., a Black & Decker director since 1940, was named a member of the executive committee.

Black, who is 59, has been executive vice-president of the portable electric tool company since 1954 and a director since 1940. He is the youngest brother of S. Duncan Black, who, along with the senior Decker, founded the organization in 1910.

Long Career

Beginning in 1917 as a screw machine operator at the newly-built Black & Decker Towson plant, Black rose to positions of increasing responsibility over the years. He was elected vice-president in charge of sales in 1940, and became vice-president in 1951, serving in this capacity until assuming the newly-created post of executive vice-president in 1954.

He studied machine shop practice at Rindge Technical School, Cambridge, Mass., and then majored in chemical engineering at Northeastern College, Boston.

Besides his positions with Black & Decker, Black is a director of the Fidelity-Baltimore National Bank and Trust Co., and of the Baltimore Association of Commerce. He is also a trustee of



Robert D. Black

Goucher College, Towson, Md.

Alonzo Decker, Jr. has been associated with Black & Decker since his graduation from Cornell University as an electrical engineer in 1929.

His interest and activity have been primarily with the engineering and manufacturing phases of the business. In 1940 he was elected vice-president in charge of manufacturing, and in 1954 vice-president. He is also a director of the company. Besides these, he is deputy chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, a director of the New York Wire Cloth Co. of York, Pa., and chairman of the Baltimore County Planning Board.

O. F. Mossberg Appoints General Manager-Director

O. F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc., firearms manufacturers of New Haven, Conn., has announced the appointment of Paul A. Jacobson as general manager from January 1, 1956 and as a director from February 14, 1956.



Paul A. Jacobson

Jacobson has come up through the ranks with steady progress since he joined the Mossberg organization in 1933 as a machine operator. From there he progressed to inspector, job setter, foreman, assistant superintendent, works manager and now to his present position.

Jacobsen lives in East Haven,



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Lawn-Boy Appoints Smith Assistant Sales Manager

EFFECTIVE April 1, Raymond Smith was appointed assistant sales manager of Lawn-Boy power mowers. He will have his office at the factory location at Lamar, Mo.



Smith

Haverty

Prior to his appointment, Smith was district sales manager for the Southwest District. His successor is William Haverty of Tulsa, Okla., who has been a Lawn-Boy salesman in that territory.

Lawn-Boy is a division of Outboard, Marine & Manufacturing Co., makers of Johnson & Evinrude outboard motors.

Rome Hardware Co. Now Exclusively Wholesale

THE ROME Hardware Co., on January 1, discontinued its retail store which was operated in conjunction with its wholesale department and is now exclusively wholesale, M. C. White, vice-president and general manager, announces.

The company recently moved into its new building on Dean Ave., in Rome, Ga., and is betterequipped to serve the retail dealers in the territory.

Atlanta Warehouses Open for Lawson H. Yates Co.

To service the territory covered by the Lawson H. Yates Co., manufacturers' representatives with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, several companies have opened warehouses in Atlanta, Ga., at 311-401 Foundry St., N. W. They are: Bemis Manufacturing Co., Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; The Union Malleable Manufacturing Co., Ashland, Ohio; and The Deutsch Co., Los Angeles, California.

The Yates company has announced that the establishment of warehouse facilities for these companies will mean overnight delivery to most wholesalers in the territory.

M. J. Ragir Elected Autoyre President

M. J. RAGIR has been elected president of the Autoyre Co., Oakville, Conn., manufacturer of bathroom and closet fixtures. He was previously vice-president in charge of sales.

A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Ragir joined Ekco Products Co. as a salesman in 1947 and subsequently became district manager for



M. J. Ragir

Ekco in the Metropolitan New York district.

In January 1955, he took over the sales post at Autoyre, which is a subsidiary of Ekco and recently completed an extensive expansion of the Autoyre sales force.

Ragir succeeds Stuart J. Loveridge, who remains with the company in a consultant capacity.

Corpus Christi Hardware Co. Celebrates 50th Anniversary

THE CORPUS Christi Hardware Co. and its president, Edwin F. Flato, marked their 50th year of service to South Texas hardware dealers with a giant "Sell-A-Bration," February 16-19. The show was held in Exposition Hall overlooking Corpus Christi Bay on downtown Shoreline Drive.

The event was planned to be both a celebration of Flato's 50th year in business and a selling event which would reach all classes of customers served by the company's four divisions. Shuttle bus service between Exposition Hall and the company's 3½-acre plant on the outskirts of the city was provided and guided tours of the plant were carried out throughout the show.

Boat rides, a style show for the ladies, and free refreshments were offered to entertain dealers and their wives

The first three days were open

to dealers and their sales personnel only. More than 4,000 identification badges were issued during this period. The last day of the show was open to the general public. A crowd estimated at 8,000 people visited the booths on Sunday.

Approximately 250 factory representatives combined their efforts with the entire sales force of Corpus Christi Hardware to show and sell goods, merchandising ideas and display methods to the dealers.

The long list of attendance prizes was headed by a 1956 pick-up truck which was won by F. B. Kuhnel of Kuhnel and Sons Hardware in Karnes City, Texas. The second attendance prize was a blue mink stole which was won by Mrs. Paul Hansen whose husband is associated with Bell, Inc., in Donna, Texas.

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BOLT STOCK WITH A SERVE
YOURSELF BOLT TRAY
"UP FRONT"!



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Irwin Auger Bit Co. Names Brandehoff Sales Manager

IRVIN A. Brandehoff has been made sales manager of The Irwin Auger Bit Co., Wilmington, Ohio. The announcement was made by Ray C. Fischer, Irwin's president, following the company's annual board meeting.



Irvin A. Brandehoff

Brandehoff joined Irwin early in 1949 and was later appointed sales representative for Ohio and Kentucky.

All officers and directors of the company were reelected at the annual meeting, including Ray C. Fischer who will continue to serve as Irwin's president.

Clinton Machine Co. Holds Atlanta Meeting

More than 100 retailers, distributors and gasoline power equipment territory men attended an informative meeting held by the Clinton Machine Co., in March in Atlanta, Ga.

Management personnel on hand for the meeting included C. Erlacher, general sales manager and J. Cooley, after market sales manager. Purpose of the meeting was to impress upon retailers that Clinton as a manufacturer feels a responsibility to the consumer to insure that he gets complete satisfaction.

Explained at the meeting was

the company's newest service program. In this program, service is available to customers for \$3.00 at factory-authorized service stations. At present the company has set up 10,000 of these stations.

Fones Bros. Appoints Sporting Goods Head

ROBERT H. Baker, president and treasurer, Fones Brothers Hardware Co., Little Rock, Ark., announces the appointment of Glen Ferguson as manager of the company's enlarged sporting goods department. He was to assume his duties April 2.

For the past eight years, Ferguson has been manager of the sporting goods department of Brown-Roberts Hardware & Supply Co., Alexandria, La.

Two specialty sporting goods salesmen will travel under Ferguson's supervision in his present position.

S. L. Allen Announces Executive Appointments

WILLIAM T. Llewellyn, president of S. L. Allen & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, manufacturers of Flexible Flyer sleds, skis, Flexy Racers, and Planet Jr. tractors, farm and garden tools, announces a number of appointments within the corporation.

At the same time William H. Roberts, Jr., sales vice-president, announces his retirement. Roberts has been associated with the company since graduation from Haverford College in 1912. He was elected secretary of the company in 1918 and became sales manager in 1921.

Walter H. Kleinhenn, secretary of the company, has been named general sales manager. Kleinhenn joined S. L. Allen & Co. in 1908 following his graduation from Girard College of Philadelphia. Long active in the sales department, he was elected secretary in 1945.

Walter H. Adams, assistant sales manager, was appointed domestic sales manager. Leslie Young, assistant to the sales vice-president, is now assistant sales manager.

Other executives who will complete the sales and marketing staff of the company are Albert G. Jacoby, export sales manager, and Harold W. Laros, advertising manager.

Adams joined the company in 1950. He was appointed assistant sales manager in 1954 following four years as midwestern representative in the sales department.

Young, a long time employee of the firm, was formerly a sales representative in the midwestern and southern territories. On a leave of absence during World War II, Young returned to the company to become actively associated with the sale of Flexible Flyer and Planet Jr. products.

Stratton & Terstegge Co. Elects Carson Director

A. J. CARSON, general sales manager of the wholesale division of Stratton & Terstegge Co., Louisville, Ky., recently was made a director of the wholesale organization.



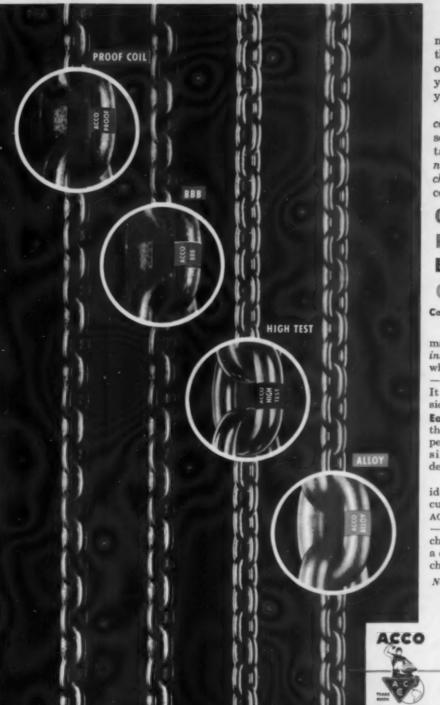
A. J. Carson

Carson began work for the company in 1930 and in 1938 took a territory as salesman working out of Nashville, Tenn. After serving with the Armed Forces from 1942 to 1945, he became a salesman in the city of Louisville. In 1950 he was made city sales manager and in 1954 general sales manager of the wholesale division.



American Chain Now MARKED

-for quick Identification
-for easy Measurement
-for full Protection



ACCO now comes up with a great new idea in chain selling—an idea that will not only increase your sales of AMERICAN chain, but will save you time and trouble while building your profits!

From now on, ACCO chain will be color-marked, every five feet, with a self-identifying band of stick-tight tape. The tapes, each bearing the name ACCO and the grade of the chain, will be in standard industry colors as follows:

GREEN for ACCO Proof Coil
RED for ACCO BBB
BLUE for ACCO High Test

ORANGE for ACCO Alloy

Containers are marked with the same colors

Quick identification • These new markings tell you and your customers instantly what grade the chain is, and who makes it. This makes selling easier—and makes buying easier and faster. It eliminates the possibility of confusion or error.

Easy Measurement • Because one of these bright, durable tape markers appears every five feet of the chain, it is a simple matter to measure off the desired length of chain in seconds.

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More Chain Sales for YOU

through ACCO's complete. new packaging program

ACCO'S great new packaging program, designed to stimulate sales of AMERICAN CHAIN products and build profits for hardware stores, is now complete. The distinctive packaging has impact and high recognition value. It helps buyer and seller alike.

This new program is not confined to shelf items alone. It extends to all chain containers: boxes, cartons, ACCO-PAILS and steel drums. All are labeled for quick identification, not only of the ACCO brand, but also of the contents of the container. Thus, you-the dealer-are enabled to find promptly just what your customers want. Time and effort are saved for you and your customers.

Results: faster and easier buying and selling...better customer satisfaction...more sales and profits for you.

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Packages for Shelf Chain Items

All AMERICAN CHAIN shelf items now come in attractive blue-and-gold packages (see above) which make it easy for you and your salespeople to locate any packaged chain item in seconds. The colorful packages on your shelves and counters will attract customers and build chain sales for you.



New ACCO-PAILS

ACCO-PAILS of Proof and BBB Coil Chain make attractive displays on counters, or in any store location. Newly-designed labels now make them brighter and more colorful. Labels are in standard industry colors for instant identification: GREEN for Proof Coil Chain, RED for BBB Coil Chain.



Newly Improved Chain Sales-Maker

The convenient, popular ACCO CHAIN SALES-MAKER has been improved by the addition of a quick-action cutting bar, which permits snipping off just the length of chain desired. Saves time and steps.

With the attractive Chain Sales-Maker, you can display a wide assortment of chain in very little floor space. Your customers can see and feel the chain-and buy it!

The Chain Sales-Maker is shipped complete with your choice of several chain assortments (ask your Distributor about these); chain comes on reels; packaged refills, on reels, available. Illustrated is Assortment 38, our most popular one.

Assortment No. 38 (7 reels)

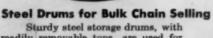
175 Ft. 2/0 Tenso Chain, Bright Zinc Plated 125 Ft. 3/0 Lock Link Chain, Bright Zinc Plated 200 Ft. 3 Tenso Chain, Bright Zinc Plated 75 Ft. 2/0 Twist Machine Chain, Bright Zinc Plated 100 Ft. 35 Sash Chain, Bright Zinc Plated 200 Ft. 1/0 Brass Safety Chain, Bright Finish 200 Ft. 16 Double Steel Jack Chain. Bright Zinc Plated



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These new ACCO cartons, used for packing many shelf-item packages as well as certain bulk items, are self-identifying. Each has an all-around ACCO design in blue and gold-and each is clearly labeled as to its contents. Very handy to stock, store and display.

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readily removable tops, are used for ACCO Proof Coil, BBB Coil, High Test and Alloy chain. Each drum now bears a colored label for easy identification.



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Shown above are graduates of the four-day Hardware Management Institute held recently at the University of Houston

Texas Group Completes Management Course

TWENTY certificates of recognition for satisfactory completion of the course were awarded to that number of retail hardware store owners, managers and department heads who attended the first annual Hardware Management Institute conducted at the University of Houston, in Houston, Texas, last March 19 to 22.

This four-day course, which included three principal subjects and a dozen workshop discussions, was sponsored jointly by the Texas Hardware and Implement Association and the Texas Wholesale Hardware Association, both with headquarters in Dallas. The two associations enjoyed the cooperation of the Texas Education Agency.

Ray M. Souder, executive secretary of the Texas Hardware and Implement Association, said that in this initial effort he considered the sponsors fortunate to have as many as a score of "students" enrolled.

"But because of the success of this institute from the viewpoint of valuable training received, it will be different next year," he added.

"It may be that the relatively small, initial enrollment resulted from skepticism about the value of the course among hardware people. However, those who did attend were unrestrained in their praise and I have some very wonderful letters of appreciation from those who earned certificates. The word will spread and next year we will have a finer course and much more interest."

Souder said he especially wanted to commend Tom W. Hall, head of the Hall Wholesale Hardware Co., of Dallas who, as representative of the Texas Wholesale Hardware Association, conducted a class in "Merchandising Turnover," making this subject highly interesting.

Other Subjects

Other principal subjects were: "Human Relations," with James C. Taylor, director of the downtown school, University of Houston, as instructor and "Selling and Sales Promotion," with Verne R. Lane, president of the Sales Research Institute of Houston, as instructor.

Plasco G. Moore of Austin, director of education for the Texas Education Agency, conducted daily workshop discussions on subjects chosen by the class, as follows:

"How to Move Obsolete Merchandise," "What to Do About Short Profit Lines in Order to Effect a Better Than Break-Even Margin," "How to Get More Dollar Volume from Advertising," "How to Get Salespeople to Sell Related Items and Practice Suggestive Selling," "How to Train Personnel," "How to Create and Maintain Enthusiasm in Salespeople."

Half a dozen additional subjects were listed, but did not reach the discussion stage because of time limitations.

Classes were held daily in Oberholtzer Hall on the University of Houston Campus and enrollees made use of guest dormitory facilities.

Those who attended and won certificates are:

Fred Axt, Grand Prairie Hardware, Grand Prairie; Buford M. Batts, Walnut Hill Hardware; William J. Lalla, L. J. Sharp Hardware, Inc.; Robert H. Lindop, Jr., Lindop's Hardware, all of Dallas; Lydia N. Cochrum, Baytown Hardware Co., Baytown; Alvin L. Doggette and Carl I. Miller, Harlingen Hardware and Supply and George J. Lingle, Aldridge-Washmon Co., all of Harlingen; Grady C. Jacobs and Rex G. Payne, Payne and Payne, Center.

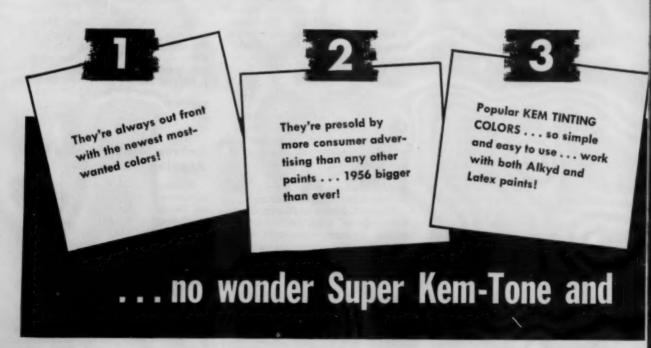
John B. Vaught, Vaught Stores and Joe C. Miles, Miles Hardware, both of Austin; Florence D. Harborn, Stalsby Tractor Co., Dayton; J. Dickson House, House Hardware and Furniture, Paris; Jack D. May, Aldridge-Washmon Co., Raymond-ville; Robert Monk, Cason, Monk and Co., Nacogdoches; Carl E. Roberts, Grogan's Atlanta; Delphine J. Rod, Wendel's Hardware and Implement, El Campo; Frank J. Skibba, Kelly's Hardware, Houston; Warfield R. Smith, Warfield Smith Hardware, San Antonio.

Embree Manufacturing Co. Appoints Kulman Co.

KULMAN Brokerage Co., manufacturers representatives in Atlanta, Georgia, has been appointed southeastern representative for Embree Manufacturing Co. of Elizabeth, N. J.

The Kulman organization will cover Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi, handling Embree's Fix-Crak, Super Wipe-On floor finish, Koton paint, and its entire line of housewares-hardware products.

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NEW INFORMATIVE TAG

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Each Punch n Cover is individually mounted on a colorful display card for easy handling and fast sales. Punch n Covers are packed 1 dozen to a box.

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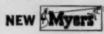
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Here's an all-new Myers shallow-well, plunger-type pump, ideal for cottages, small homes and for replacement of inadequate pumps. Place your initial order today and ask about Myers promotions designed to help you introduce this great new addition to the high-quality Myers full line.



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Easy Mointenance—Both caps and valves easier to inspect by removing one bolt and clamp... access opening makes it easy to tighten stufing box... drain plugs allow draining without disassembly... motor mount adjustable to vary strain on the belt... three-point base makes leveling easy.

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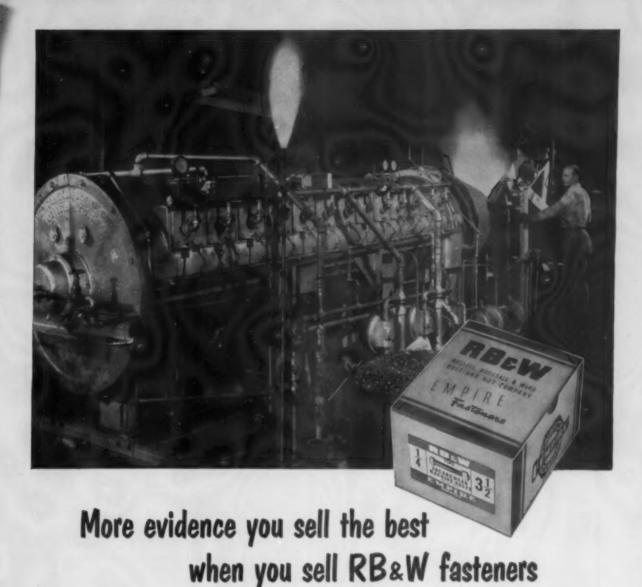
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SILENT SIOUX'S
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Silent Sioux's "Wigwamer" is a midget in size only . . . with full scale performance. Only 161/4" long, 81/2" wide and 141/2" high, this highly efficient, smokeless heater burns either oil or bottled gas in the same burner. Your customers will demand this compact and portable heater which is adaptable to all requirements of the outdoor sportsman. Features include: Uses either bottled gas, No. I fuel oil or kerosene, built in legs, Use for cooking or heating, One orifice for all fuel, Heater and tank available singly, can be attached to any size tank. Also ideal for auxiliary heat in garages, pump houses, milk houses, etc. Only \$12.95 retail—less tank.

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WALL FURNACE
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PLUS . . . a truly beautiful finished tub in eye-catching Glacier Blue.

PLUS... famous "exclusive "Twist-Lox," the feature which eliminates clumsy latches and hinges and permits the main frame to be put on or taken off as quick as a wink.

PLUS ...a cream can with special reinforcement to insure perfectly round shape.*

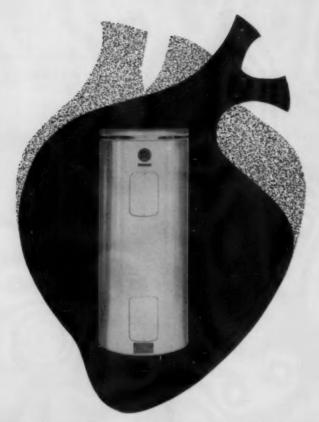
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4 QUART	440	I to Ctn.	17 Pounds
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Jesse Zeigler Hardware at Spring Grove, Pa. A tool department that "did a pretty fair job" as it was before PROFITOOL.



The Tool Center of Spring Grove as it is now at Zeigler's <u>after PROFITOOL</u>. In the first 2 months tool sales are up 101%.

A PLAN

Dealers Who Know Report Big Success with PROFITOOL

SAYRE, Pa. -

Croft Lumber & Hardware of Sayre reports: "PROFITOOL is certainly an accurate name for this Stanley Tool program. We expected PROFITOOL to increase our tools sales, and in three months they're up 177%. The real payoff, however, is in turnover and profit. This 3 months experience shows an increase in our turnover from 1.6 to 4.3. At this rate on a stock investment of \$1,721.56, we figure to increase our gross profit on sales for the year in this department from \$1,110.00 to \$3,182.00. On top of all this it sure is easier to keep track of our tools and serve our customers with PROFITOOL."

SPRING GROVE, Pa. -

Jesse Zeigler wires from Spring Grove: "We always felt that we did a pretty fair job with tools at Jesse Zeigler Hardware but PROFITOOL really opened our eyes. Our first shock came when we discovered that we were out of stock on 175, or 36% of the best selling tools, and the second shock came when we found that 84, or 27% of the basic tools we stocked were not on display.

"We are especially proud of the appearance of our Tool Center but the really satisfying part of the deal is that in the 2 months that PROFITOOL has been in our store our sales have increased 101%."

TUCKAHOE, N.Y. -

The news from Cornell Hardware in Tuckahoe is good, too: "I never knew that carpenters' squares, levels, planes and other tools would sell as they have in our new Tool Center. People seem to walk right over to our tool department when they enter the store, and the movement on some tools has been so great that even with our easy to check PROFITOOL setup we are having trouble keeping up with it.

"Our sales are up 120% and our rate of turnover on the capital invested in the tool department's inventory has jumped from 1.4 to 3.0.

"One of our wholesalers salesmen on seeing the installation said, 'Boy! Would I like to service that department.' And that's just fine with me. No matter how we look at it, PROFITOOL has proven to be a profitable, practical, easy-does-it program."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -

The National Retail Hardware Association wires official and enthusiastic approval from headquarters in Indianapolis. Russell H. Mueller, Managing Director, says: "Congratulations. This is a program we can endorse 100%. Our engineers will cooperate and assist all forward-looking retailers who subscribe to PROFITOOL. You have performed a very real service for the Hardware Trade."

TO DOUBLE YOUR TOOL SALES

PROFITOOL-A Complete Program for Step-by-Step Installation of a Profitable Tool Department

PROFITOOL is a Basic Merchandising Guide to Stock Control, Re-order and Pricing of the Most-Wanted Hand Tools

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. -

PROFITOOL, the complete program for profitable retail tool selling developed by Stanley Tools, was announced today to a special preview audience of editors covering the hardware business for the trade and news press.

In explaining PROFITOOL to this market-wise audience, Ken Freedell, Stanley Tools General Sales Manager, emphasized that PROFITOOL was not only new fixturing and modern display. It is that . . . but much more.

PROFITOOL starts with a Basic Merchandising Guide — a 32-page book that lists the most-wanted hand tools — the 25% that gives you 80% of your hand tool volume. This check list is authoritative and completely sound. It is based on wholesaler records, on the experience of successful retailers, and on a careful analysis of 103 years of records at Stanley.

And there's more. PROFITOOL provides an easy system of stock control, an easy means of re-ordering, and an easy-to-use pricing system. The typical dealer, according to the picture of this composite character formed by exhaustive research, does not stock 36% of the most-wanted tools, does stock 170 non-basic, slow-moving tools, and fails to display 27% of the most-wanted tools. This is expensive. PROFITOOL cures all this...and cures so that you benefit immediately.

The dealers who were selected to test **PROFITOOL** and who report the results on the adjacent page, **more than doubled tool sales**, and did so in the first 2 or 3 months.

Mr. Freedell concluded his remarks and demonstration of a typical installation, by announcing plans to present **PROFITOOL** to hardware retailers in a kit that will be sold for \$10 (returnable in full to dealers who install **PROFITOOL**). The kit will contain all of the following elements:

2 Basic Merchandising Guides Instruction Manual Plans and bill of materials Wall templates Binning diagrams Order forms Publicity release Newspaper mats Banners Tool Center cut-out letters

Price change stickers and the intangible, but invaluable, benefit of the experience of wholesalers, retailers and Stanley Tools, that is the backbone of **PROFITOOL**.



... and if you're a typical dealer you do not now stock 36% of the most-wanted tools



... you do stock 170 non-basic, slow-moving tools



. . . and you fail to display 27% of the most-wanted tools

The first step to PROFITOOL... doubled sales

Price tickets

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THE TOOL BOX OF THE WORLD

Stanley Tools — PROFITOOL 765 Elm St., New Britain, Conn. Mr. Freedell,

Yes, I am interested. Please send me details as indicated by in box below:

- Please send PROFITOOL Kit. I enclose \$10 and understand this will be refunded in full when I install PROFITOOL in my store.
- Please send me further information with full details about PROFITOOL.

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In promoting its large paint department, Stewart Bros. features floor, wall, and window displays. Here, Dewey S.

Lamkin, promotion manager, helps customer make a selection with the aid of a color chart

PAINT SALES CLIMB UPWARD

PAINT IS no sideline with the 70-year-old Stewart Bros. Hardware Co. of Memphis, Tennessee. It and allied items account for one-third of the store's heavy volume. Five strong factors have boosted this department into such prominence, E. L. Cockrell, office manager, declares. He lists them as:

1. Name-brand products that inspire confidence.

2. A color planning service for architects, contractors—and house-

3. A large inventory that's checked every week or two to be certain it's up to par.

4. Promotion of allied lines with every paint sale.

5. Newspaper and direct mail advertising backed by eye-catching window and floor displays.

Cockrell freely explains his store's methods in merchandising paint—methods that can pay off handsomely for other hardware stores interested in building up their volume.

"To borrow an expression from a song, paint is a 'many splendored thing' with us," Cockrell smiles. "Its sales stimulus is felt in all other departments. Through carefully planned merchandising methods, paint and its allied lines now account for one-third of store's volume

By Richard Lane

"We carry a well known line of paints and varnishes. We lose few customers after we sell and satisfy them on our paints and varnishes and on our planning service for colors. They keep coming back, and they also do good selling jobs for us with their friends. We are not a 'neighborhood' hardware store. We sell all over the city and we deliver.

"We offer a color planning service that's especially popular with architects, home builders and women who like to do their own decorating. A person who buys a gallon of our paint can get it mixed to any particular hue he or she desires.

"Many women like to paint.

They frequently get decoration ideas from national home magazines and try them. This 'do-it-yourself' trend by the housewife has made store color planning service more important than ever before. I don't see how a hardware store can maintain a good paint department now without such planning service.

"Another reason why more women than ever before are doing their own painting is because modern paints have little or no odor. They are easy to work with. We keep an unusually large inventory and check it more often than most stores do—once or twice every month. After every large sale, we replace our stock. We



Floor finishes are shown near the paint department. The lady here gets advice from Lamkin

stock many sizes, including fivegallon containers.

"We go after the big customers, although we will give just as much attention to the little fellow who walks in and asks for a half-pint. By working with architects, contractors, subdivision developers, maintenance men and commercial painters, we have built up our sales volume substantially.

"Some hardware stores, I know. don't go after the big customers very much because of discounts involved, but on a large volume basis we find it quite profitable," Cockrell explains.

How about allied lines?

"It's highly unlikely that a customer will walk in and order a gallon of paint in our store without being asked if he or she needs a brush, sandpaper, thinner, scraper, putty or some other allied line," Cockrell declares. "About 10 percent of our paint department volume comes from the sale of allied items. We sell many brushes especially.

"We have good salesmen and they are all trained to anticipate the customer's needs for allied items. Customers appreciate their suggestions and help. All of our salesmen are able to sell paint. However, we have two real paint specialists available for technical assistance. One is on the floor at all times. They know their business. Even commercial painters ask their advice."

What about advertising?

"While we promote paint the

year 'round, we give it an extra push in early spring and late summer," Cockrell explains. "We time our spring newspaper and direct mail advertising campaign to break with the weather in order to catch the outdoor jobs that begin with the first warm days. This also gives us good impetus for the annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign.

"We put on special promotions again in late August to take full advantage of the fall paint business. The manufacturer cooperates with us on our newspaper advertising. Incidentally, we have found a newsy advertising column with tips for the housewife is quite effective. We recently had a paint booklet mentioned in this column and the effect was noticed immedi-

Lamkin has plenty of window space to work with. The store is on a corner, at the busy Crosstown intersection of Madison Ave. and Cleveland St., with five big windows. The corner is an important street railway transfer point and Stewart Bros. has always used its attractive windows to build store traffic.

Lamkin changes window displays at least once every 10 days, depending upon the item and the season. Seldom does a week go by—summer or winter—that one of the windows doesn't have a display of paint or allied items.

Lamkin has found mass displays most effective in catching the eyes of passersby. When he decorates a window with a paint display there is strong impact.



The store sells many allied items to paint customers. Here, a salesman discusses the relative merits of brush and roller with customer

ately on the floor, with many customers requesting the booklets.

"In our direct mail program, we send out a color chart that's part of an advertising piece. This goes to several thousand customers in the spring and again in the late summer and early fall. The national average for returns from this type of advertising is five percent, I understand, but I believe we do better than that," Cockrell adds.

Stewart Bros. Hardware Co. gets exceptionally good "pull" from the window displays. These displays are arranged by Dewey S. Lamkin, advertising and promotion manager. Many hardware dealers consider Lamkin the city's leading hardware window display artist.

The store uses a color calibrator and has a paint shaker. Its paint department occupies one whole wall as well as floor display space. The mass display idea is carried out in floor arrangements, just as in the windows.

"Customers appear confident we have the shade or color they want when they see our large stock," Cockrell smiles. "And, of course, we invariably have what they are looking for.

"When a customer selects a color from a dealer's chart and then finds the store doesn't have the color in stock, that store usually loses a sale. With a full stock at all times, we are never guilty of losing such a sale." Cockrell declares.



Sign on store front reminds customers that the ewners are away. Dates of the vacation are always given in ample time to allow customers to buy in advance

By Baron Creager

Close for Vacation?

Reed Hardware has locked its door for two weeks for five straight years and hasn't been hurt yet

FOR A PERIOD of two weeks during last August, anyone who paused at the double front doors could hear the telephone ringing—insistently and uselessly—in the Reed Hardware store in Dallas,

Customers familiar with those easy-swinging front doors approached with confidence, braced, seized a door handle and pulled, but to no avail, for nothing gave.



Parking facilities are provided at the new suburban location. Owner Reed is shown here with his two sons, Ellis (left) and Walter

When shaken, the door gave off that unmistakable rattle of bolt in socket. Registering disbelief, such customers would peer inside to discover that indeed, the place was empty of people. And there was the telephone, busy ringing.

There was more proof, just below the mail slot in the left hand front door. Here a white enameled

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SOUTHERN HARDWARE for MAY, 1956

Profit formula for

FISHING TACKLE

By Beatrice Miller



Owner Elwood Harding, an enthusiastic fisherman himself, takes a special interest in seeing that his customer buys the proper equipment. Below, a local fisherman selects lures from the wide display

THE MOST dependable formula for a successful, high-volume fishing tackle department is fishing enthusiasm on the part of the dealer and his sales force, according to Elwood Harding, owner of Wheaton Paint and Hardware Co. in Wheaton, Md. Fishing tackle volume here has tripled over the last three seasons! A wide stock, displays, promotion and informed salesmen rank next to enthusiasm as requisites in the successful merchandising of fishing tackle.

"Fishing enthusiasts have the right answers to questions raised by customers. If you advise people correctly and they get results, they come back to you for more. And the only way to know the right answers on fishing is by fishing yourself. Know the captains of the boats and where the fish are biting, what spots, and how deep," Harding advised, "Know what you're talking about. This is not something you can read in books. You've got to get out and fish. And if you are enthusiastic enough, your department is headed for success."

Harding makes it a point to go fishing in Chesapeake Bay each week and he takes his employees with him.

Believing that any hardware dealer located within an hour's drive of salt or fresh water fishing has an excellent sales potential for fishing tackle, Harding stressed the accelerated trend toward more free time for relaxation and recreation. While this may appear to be a seasonal interest, a fishing tackle department provides year-'round sales as gift items. These items prove particularly popular at Christmas, Father's Day and on birthdays of both adults and children.

Wheaton Paint and Hardware Co. carries a \$5,000 inventory in fishing tackle and recommends a wide and diversified range to meet the needs of local fishermen. Harding stresses, however, that the important thing is to be able to tell beginners as well as veteran fishermen what is currently happening at local fishing points, and advise them as to the proper equipment and lures.

"Know how to rig lines for the beginner. Know how to advise him correctly on what equipment to buy. Know what weight of sinkers to sell him, how deep the fish are, and in what spots they are biting," Harding explained. He often sets

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ket for the central outfit is the new home builder who hasn't yet bought either heating or cooling equipment. It has a strong appeal for this type of prospect because, with the central unit, he can peg the temperature at whatever comfortable level he desires any time of the year with only one outfit. He doesn't have to buy one plant to do his winter heating and another set of plants to make summer endurable.

On the room units the firm sells several lines in addition to the prize-winning line.

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How they cashed in on sales of

By Ross L. Holman

ELLER & COLEMAN chalked up a double-barrel record on the sale of air-conditioning equipment for 1955. The first reward of this two-way triumph was an allexpense trip to Jamaica for the most Davidson County sales on a nationally known brand of room units which manufacture cool air for one room at a time. The trip was awarded to Arthur Coleman, owner of the Madison. Tennessee. hardware firm, and his wife. Since Davidson County embraces the city of Nashville, Coleman had to outsell quite a number of dealers to win this award.

In the same week he experienced another triumph on central air-conditioning plants with which, in addition to cooling comfort, also supplies hot air—not the sort that flows from spouting lips, but the kind that makes uncomfortable winter temperature comfortable. On these central outfits he went further beyond his quota than any other dealer in the area.

Coleman finds that the best mar-

Room Coolers

Home demonstrations and aggressive salesmanship have led to firm's record-breaking sales



Salesmen, above, load an air conditioning unit on for delivery as Coleman (standing) loeks on. The young couple at right have a new home underway and are interested in buying a unit



Gardening Know-How Builds Added Volume

By Beatrice Miller

Sidewalk displays, particularly of growing plants, are most effective in drawing customers. Lady here buys plants and goes inside for other needed supplies

believes a cheap tool will not do the job and will discourage the customer.

"A garden tool has to feel right in the hand. It is important to carry three or four different types of each tool, so that a customer can handle them, go through the motions of working with them, and decide which one is most satisfactory for his own needs.

"Never sell a tool unsuited for the job. Never substitute a cheaper tool when a customer wants a good tool. It's an old saw, but worth remembering—'Quality is remembered long after price is forgotten'," Offield said. He advocates losing a sale rather than selling the wrong tool or a cheap tool.

A third requirement to winning garden supplies customers is a stock that meets the neighborhood's needs.

"As a dealer grows from season to season, he will become better acquainted with the neighborhood's needs, and will be able to anticipate its demands," stated Offield. "Also, he will want to let

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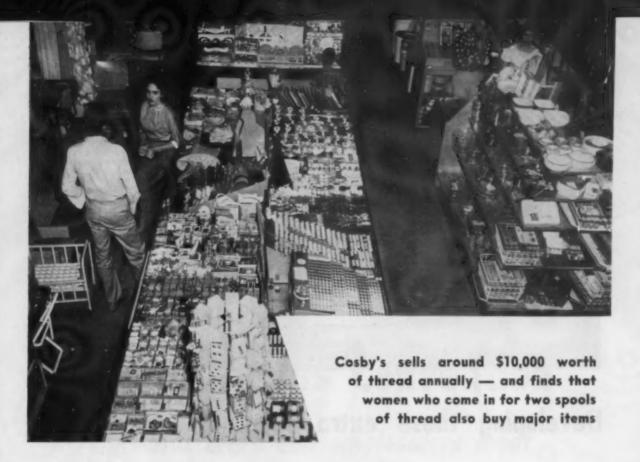
In order to build that extra volume on garden tools, equipment and supplies, a suburban dealer and his sales personnel must have a wealth of information on gardening, according to J. R. Offield, owner of Boulevard Hardware Co., Washington, D. C. Aggressive selling of this line over a period of five seasons has brought to this store a steadily increasing group of customers and an expanding sales volume on the line.

"The average person has no idea of what fertilizer can do or is supposed to do for his soil and plants. It is up to the dealer to be informed and to be ready to help him get the results that will make him a happy and enthusiastic gardener."

A second "must" for any dealer wishing to develop a garden supplies department is a selection of quality garden tools wide enough to offer a customer his individual preference, according to Offield. He underscores quality because he



Owner J. R. Offield readily answers any questions which his customers ask. Here, he recommends a suitable item and explains how to use it



Thread? In a hardware store!

**W HAT WILL they think of next!" exclaimed a woman visitor to Falfurrias, Texas. She was walking down the street with a friend she was visiting, and she had just glanced in at the attractive floor displays of Cosby's Hardware & Furniture.

Conspicuously near one of the two front entrances was a table about 15 feet long and four feet wide, displaying mainly thread, with some buttons and other sewing accessories to complete the line.

"Most merchants who see this display declare that it has no place in a hardware store," laughs A. A. Cosby, Jr., owner. "I don't agree. I find it a 'natural' to induce more women to come into the store."

In fact, he estimates that perhaps half of all women who enter the store come primarily to patronize the thread table. Most of them buy something else while they're there.

Cosby claims no deep thinking

By Ruel McDaniel

or planning brought about the thread idea. Several years ago he owned a variety store. He noticed that threads were not only excellent variety-store sellers but carried a nice profit. When he sold his variety store stock to enter the hardware business, he reserved the thread, believing that he could make it go in the hardware store.

It has not disappointed him. Recently a new salesman for the manufacturer supplying the main line of threads called on Cosby. "I want to apologize," he grinned. "When I saw your name on my list, and saw that you operated a hardware store, I put you off for my last call. Naturally I assumed that you weren't much of a customer."

On his second trip around, however, the salesman told Cosby that he bought more thread per capita than any customer on the salesman's list, regardless of the type of business.

The company carries \$2,000 worth of thread. This inventory turns about three and one-half times yearly, Cosby declares. The profit is longer than most hardware items and there is little or no stock depreciation. Accessory items are mainly buttons and needles. Everything is on display, so that customers wait on themselves. Consequently, there is little sales cost involved.

The stock particularly appeals to knitters and needle-point hobbyists. They come in to get that type of thread or yarn and they naturally buy their other threads at the same time.

Next door to the hardware store is the leading department store in town. Not only does the hardware store get the lion's share of the thread business in spite of this, but the department store owner, carrying a much smaller stock, frequently sends customers to the hard-

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Selma Holley has two distinct sections for picnic items—one for summer, one for winter. He assists the lady here in selecting her immediate needs for summer outings. Below, she visits the realistic fireplace where books on design are available. She plans to lay away a more expensive item for winter use

By Theron Garvin

Developing those extra sales of

TELEVISION IS accounting for more and more families staying at home in the evenings for their entertainment. Holley Hardware Co., Aiken, South Carolina, has capitalized on this fact after making a survey among its customers during the fall of 1954. Results showed that more than half were having a family meal or picnic in their own backyard at least twice each week and watching television later.

Planning from this survey, a full line of both outdoor and indoor picnic supplies were carried during the spring and summer of 1955, and sales in this department more than doubled over the same period of the previous year.

"We find that most people when building a house nowadays include an outdoor barbecue pit in their backyard or provide a place for a portable unit," Selma Holley, coowner, explained. "We have many lakes and parks nearby where people visit almost every week in the year for picnics. With these two facts in mind we found there was a rich market for picnic items if someone would devote the necessary space and time to promoting them."

Here is how Holley built his picnic supplies department:

First, two island displays and

Picnic Supplies

one small wall display directly inside the front door were given over to the display of summer picnic items. A small nook is provided for winter picnic items a few feet (Continued on page 68)





Officials of the Southern Wholesale Hardware Association*

New Orleans Convention

manufacturers and wholesalers meet

Breaking all previous attendance records, more than 1750 registered delegates and their wives gathered in New Orleans, La., April 15-19, for the annual joint convention of the Southern Wholesale Hardware Association and the American Hardware Manufacturers Association.

Despite some industry problems that must be solved, the general feeling about the trend of business was one of optimism. At no time was this more apparent than during the convention reception—now a traditional and widely-attended affair—which formally opened the meeting on Sunday evening, April 15.

The prevailing optimism was

tempered, however, by a full recognition of problems, problems pointed up by R. M. Miller in his president's address to members of the Southern Association:

"1955 was a year of great prosperity in this country. To many, if not most of our large corporations, it brought record-breaking sales and the largest net profits in history. But for the wholesale hardware industry, generally, Santa Claus failed to appear. 1955 was just another year. Sales were up a little-the average increase for our members apparently was about 10%. But the net after taxes was again disappointingly small . . we must conclude that, basically, the trouble results from the fact that, following another war, supply has again caught up with and outstripped demand.

Optimism in Order

"We shouldn't let a temporarily unsatisfactory profit picture obscure the very strong position which hardware wholesalers, generally, occupy today. . . . In carrying on the wholesale distribution of anywhere from 25,000 to 40,000 different items, the typical hardware wholesaler is acting as sales

agent for many hundreds of manufacturers and as purchasing agent for thousands of retail outlets—and is furnishing a very necessary and indispensable service to both. So while doing our best to cope with present temporary difficulties, let's look optimistically at the long range picture. The outlook is one which justifies optimism."

In the first joint session of the two associations on Monday night. April 16, convention delegates heard Dr. Walter H. Judd, congressman from Minnesota, speak on "The Outlook in Asia." Dr. Judd cautioned that the security of the nation and the free world is in peril, but that past experience has shown that the Soviet Union has always backed away from a firm stand on the part of the allies. He said that in the cold war against communism we must win the confidence of the underdeveloped countries while we help them economically.

In Tuesday morning's joint session, Warren Whitney, vice-president, James B. Clow & Sons, Birmingham, gave a humerous address, entitled "This Is No Place for an Ostrich." In this second half century, Mr. Whitney said, we, as a nation, must learn and put into

Left to right, seated: T. W. McAllister, managing director and treasurer; W. W. French, Jr., first vice-president; S. D. May, president; R. C. Neely, Jr., second vice-president; and R. M. Miller, immediate past president and new member of the advisory board. Standing, left to right: F. C. Barksdale, Charles E. Nash, R. H. Baker, and W. H. Terstegge, advisory board; A. L. Carr, John Sheffield, E. R. Courtney, and R. A. Slack, executive committee; and W. A. Parker and H. J. Allison, advisory board.



Walter Judd

use those things which made for progress in the first half. We must learn how to accept our prosperity or lose it, he warned.

Closing the session. Edgar Ansel Mowrer, foreign affairs analyst of Washington, D. C., discussed "The Impact of the World Upon America." After a period of great change, Mr. Mowrer said, the nation under President Eisenhower's guidance seeks normalcy. But the urge for normalcy has had the effect of stirring the Soviet Union to greater activity. President Eisenhower, he continued, is counting on the atomic stalemate to hold the Russians in check, the president believing there is no substitute for peace.

A third joint session on Wednesday morning was devoted to the economics of hardware distribution through wholesalers, the theme of the meeting being, "Our Mutual Problem."

Participating in this program as speakers were Lyle J. Purcell, vice-president, marketing, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., who spoke on, "Wholesaler-Manufacturer Relations—Cents or Nonsense;" J. F. Spaulding, vice-president, sales, Black & Decker Manufacturing Co., who spoke on "Some Do—Some Don't;" and Charles E. Nash, president, Nash Hardware Co., who discussed, "For Services Rendered." These discussions are described further on another page.

In their final business session on Thursday morning, members of the SWHA were given reports by officers and committees, then heard a discussion related to the survey conducted among a number of member companies, a panel discussion of business controls, and two viewpoints on the advisability of separating buying and selling functions.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted unanimously and S. D. May, Bluefield Hardware Co. was voted into the office of president. W. W. French, Jr., Moore-Handley Hardware Co., was named first vice-president. while R. C. Neely, Jr., Amarillo Hardware Co., will serve as second vice-president. T. W. McAllister will continue to serve as managing director and treasurer. R. A. Slack, Huey & Philp Co., and R. J. Ogilvie, Jr., Ogilvie Hardware Co., were named to the executive committee. Other members of the executive committee are Aubrey L. Carr, R. M. Miller, E. R. Courtney. and John Sheffield.

Excerpts from the Address of Congressman Judd

THIS IS A time of most serious danger with civilization in actual peril. Though our nation is back on an even keel, with business free of government control, our security is threatened and the nation is having to increase its defense spending. All around the world we are under attack.

One threat to our security is the increasing capacity of Communism to impose its will upon the world. The major problem is how to change the Soviet Union and its aims. The Kremlin could have taken Western Europe at any time since World War II, but this would have brought on war and the destruction of Western Europe which the Soviet wanted intact in its showdown with the West. Russia tried a flanking movement in Berlin, but the West held firm and the Soviet backed away.

The real showdown came in Germany, and dangerously threatened Britian, for the first time in



Edgar A. Mowrer



Warren Whitney

its 600-year history, entered into entangling alliances with nations of the continent. As a result Russia broke its pacts with Britain and France and threatened war, but in the end backed away.

Experience has shown that when we stood firm with our allies it didn't lead to war. In Greece we had that nation oppose Communists; in Formosa we had them oppose Communists. Whenever we have held firm it has avoided war. On the other hand, we have lost ground when we have been weak and timid.

Favors Russia

The present situation in the middle east and south Asia is made to order for Russia. Of help to us is the fact that some of these countries are better off than ever before. The Japanese economy, for example, is in amazingly good shape, along with the political situation. Indonesia and Viet Nam also are in better condition.

Formosa, Korea, Pakistan and Turkey, then, are strong bastions opposing Russia. By spending to improve these countries we are investing in our own security.

However, we have not won the confidence of the people we have helped. We have taken for granted that what is good for us is good for them also. We ride roughshod over people in our efforts to be friendly and helpful. We won't help them with their really major problems.

In all, the government must recognize the change for the worse in the Kremlin and must put into operation a long range program for helping our allies and effectively blocking the aims of the Soviet Union.



Mark J. Lacey President, the A.H.M.A.

Excerpts from the Address of Warren Whitney

WE ARE HALFWAY through this century with a record of great progress — progress despite two world wars and one cold war, a business boom in the late twenties which is now being exceeded, and government control which has now been lessened.

We have emerged as world citizens, but we must be trained to accept our prosperity or lose it. We must learn from the first half of the century. We must learn and put into use those things and experiences which made the first half good.

We must bear in mind and maintain always these four principles: the right to worship; the right to pursue and use knowledge; the right to work and gain from it; and we must recognize that opportunities are created as a result of the three aforementioned principles.

Excerpts from the Address of Edgar Ansel Mowrer

ONE IMPORTANT question is: Is Washington responding to the facts of international life? In the last century we have zig-zagged from stability to instability and back again. From the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt through that of Harry Truman was a period of incredible change. By 1952 the nation apparently had enough of change and elected Eisenhower, essentially a quiet man. In turn, President Eisenhower has sought stability throughout the world, has sought to lessen tension. He has gone in for personal diplomacy.

However, since Eisenhower stated that this nation would never attack Russia that nation has stiffened in its attitude. NATO seems to be coming apart. These have been two evil effects of the normalcy sought by the present administration.

With courage, Eisenhower is taking a great gamble with the Russians on the facts of life in the atomic age. He is banking on the fact that the atomic stalemate is real and that there is no substitute for peace.

Nobody believes that the Soviet Union has given up its aims. In



R. M. Miller Past President, S.W.H.A.

fact, it is increasing its rearmament effort. And the rest of the world is not seeking the kind of normalcy we want. We are presently losing and will continue to lose in the cold war unless Russia changes and unless the United States eases up in its drive for normalcy. But despite the anti-Stalin drive, to count upon a change in Russian aims would be unwise.

The nation in facing this problem might make one of four decisions: It might decide to win the cold war and punish any aggressor; it might choose to maintain a military preponderance over Russia; it might give more economic aid, but on a more discriminatory basis; or it might attempt to transform our present alliances into something more permanent.

Old Guardsmen Dine at Antoine's



Distribution Efficiency Discussed in Manufacturer-Wholesaler Session

THE WEDNESDAY morning joint session of the two associations was devoted to an objective analysis of how the products of manufacturers might be distributed through the wholesaler as efficiently and economically as possible. Particular attention was given to the functions and services of the wholesaler.

Opening the session, Lyle J. Purcell, vice-president, marketing and research, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., spoke on "Wholesaler - Manufacturer Relationship—Cents or Nonsense."

Many Flaws

"There are many flaws in the so-called teamwork picture. Business practices between the two groups tend to ignore or minimize the 'dollar and cent' business relationship that should be present when these two groups deal with each other."

The speaker said that when manufacturers complain about wholesalers being only order takers or serving a warehouse function they should ask themselves if they have kept up with their industry, if they have developed a sales program for their merchandise which includes product improvement and service to customers. All manufacturers are concerned with lowering distribution costs, but there is no pattern to their solutions of the problem.

Most manufacturers, the speaker said, do an ineffective job of making their present method of distribution work. On the other hand, wholesalers might ask themselves if they have kept pace with changes, if they are placing orders with manufacturers as the result of a planned selling program. Most wholesalers, the speaker continued, do a mediocre job of presenting their sales story to manufacturers.

Both manufacturers and wholesalers, too frequently, would leave the "why and how to sell" up to each other. Executives of both branches must increase their amount of time given to marketing policies and practices. Customer service at all levels of the trade must be the focal point around which all marketing plans and policies are developed.

Present day discount schedules of both manufacturers and whole-salers are out of date. Manufacturers and wholesalers should remember that it is no sin to make a profit provided a service is performed for the privilege. To expect reasonable discounts, the wholesaler must render a real service to the manufacturer.

In introducing new products manufacturers should have some idea who will buy the item through field tests, and the wholesaler frequently buys only because of friendship with the manufacturer's salesman.

Both manufacturers and wholesalers must spend more time in developing practical, realistic marketing or promotional plans with predetermined objectives. Manufacturers should demand service from wholesalers and should be ready to pay for it. Wholesalers should demand the profit margin and should be ready to render service for it.

Spaulding Speaks

In his talk, "Some Do—Some Don't," J. F. Spaulding, vice-president, sales, Black & Decker Manufacturing Co., stated that today's consumer has undergone a great change. He is becoming a suburbanite, frequently is a two-car family and has more and more



Lyle J. Purcell



J. F. Spaulding

time for leisure, do-it-yourself activities, and hobbies. Meanwhile, the farmer, with his improved economic position, is becoming a tremendous factor in the hardware market.

To reach this potential business, manufacturers spend much money in putting together sales promotional programs and advertising campaigns. But frequently the presentation of these programs is inadequate.

Many manufacturers wonder if the wholesaler is fully exploiting his profit potential. Many wonder also if wholesalers frequently carry too many competing lines, making it impossible to realize full profits on the top line.

The speaker stated that the Sears organization has been increasing its business while the retail hardware trade has tended to slide. Sears, he continued, has done this without national advertising of its private brands and without apparent strong public acceptance. Yet, the expansion goes on.

Mr. Spaulding explained that Sears carries in its stores a complete line of merchandise both in price and quality. When consumers do not find what they want they will go elsewhere for it.

Retailers and wholesalers both might prosper more if duplicate lines were cut out. This would allow both more time to take advantage of the promotional plans and ideas available on the key lines.

Further, 90% of the retail business being done today is on credit and hardware retailers, like the chains, must develop credit programs if they are to continue to get their share of the business.

Charles E. Nash, Nash Hardware Co., Fort Worth, Texas, closed the session with his talk, "For Services



Charles E. Nash

Rendered." For 150 years, he said, the wholesale industry has continued to grow and has contributed greatly to the economic growth of the nation.

As demand for goods caught up with production after the war, he said, many manufacturers began seeking new customers. As a result, many new jobbers came into being, few of whom are full-line hardware houses. Many are specialty selling organizations. In addition, numerous side-line wholesalers "have added their part to price cutting and to generally disturbing normal distribution."

As a result of this, the sales on some lines are so split up that these lines are no longer of much interest to many wholesalers. Another result, often, is price cutting.

Meanwhile, some other manufacturers have concentrated their efforts in direct selling either to dealers themselves or to co-ops, chains, and mail order houses. Where old and well-known hardware trade names were involved this tended to draw off volume at the retail level and did little to endear those manufacturers to the wholesalers.

Then some manufacturers have reduced suggested margins of profit at both wholesale and retail levels. If a dealer is to remain independent he must prosper.

The independent dealer cannot buy direct from thousands of hardware manufacturers in economical quantities and at the same time have a reasonable turnover. Unquestionably some type of a wholesale distributor is necessary.

Regardless of the way in which it is done cost of distribution from the manufacturer to the dealer is about the same.

The real problem in distribution, Mr. Nash continued, is not one of cost, but one of service, and wholesalers "are truly a service organization." The wholesaler performs many services for the retailer, but it takes a personal contact at dealer level to make all these services a reality. Therefore, the wholesaler offers to the dealer that valuable and absolutely irreplaceable person, the Hardware Salesman, to form the connecting link between the wholesaler and retailer.

In addition to all the administrative help he gives the dealer, the creative work of the top notch hardware salesman is probably the one thing that sets the hardware distributing industry apart from all other forms of distribution in this country.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Association

IN THEIR FINAL business meeting on Thursday morning, April 19, members of the Southern Association heard reports of committees and officers and elected officers for the ensuing year. The session featured also a number of scheduled talks and general discussion on subjects of particular interest to wholesalers.

Following an informal report by T. W. McAllister, managing director of the SWHA, and an address by President Miller (given in excerpt form on another page) association members turned their attention to a talk by George D. Wilkinson on "What We Learned from the Surveys." Mr. Wilkinson heads the firm of business management consultants which, during the past year, made a survey of business operations of a number of typical member companies.

In making the surveys Mr. Wilkinson found that all member companies of the SWHA had much in common. There was, for one thing, a common pattern of sales. For most companies, sales reached a peak in 1950 and have declined

since. In addition, there has been a substantial increase in business costs accompanying a lowering of the margin of profit.

Almost all of the surveyed organizations are growing companies and thereby faced with added expense in the form of higher wages, new warehouses, etc.

Generally, most of the companies were doing business in about the same way as in the past when they were much smaller. This has resulted in increased costs. At the same time, however, all companies were in a sound financial position. This, in some instances, has led to a feeling of complacency-dangerous at this time. Profit, the speaker emphasized, should be measured not as a percentage of sales, but as a percentage of investment. As companies plow back more money into the business (as many were doing) more net profit should result.

Three Problems

The surveys disclosed three areas of problems in the companies studied: organization, paper flow, and warehouse operation.

Mr. Wilkinson found that all company presidents in companies surveyed opened the mail—symbolic, he said, of a failure to recognize that companies have grown up. In many instances there are too many bosses, indicating a failure to organize and define lines of authority.

In all but one company a "onewriting" system of writing up orders was in use. This was termed as good, but for the most part papers "wander all over the office before they get to the warehouse." In warehouses too, it is too easy for orders to be misplaced. In all, it is taking longer and longer for



George D. Wilkinson



John Sheffield

papers to go through the office with the result that, seemingly, more people are required for processing and more files are needed.

At most, the speaker said, a company should have no more than two copies of orders in its files.

In most warehouses there was a dangerous lack of organization and in most companies some high official was responsible for warehouse operation, but because of other duties could give this function only casual supervision. Frequently there were too few supervisors of warehouse personnel.

Most warehouses needed to be in charge of a warehouse specialist. At the same time, warehouses are not being used properly. Inventories are not under control and too much low-turnover merchandise occupies valuable space. Companies with perpetual inventory control were much more efficient. Over-crowded warehouses often were filled with junk, and warehousemen too frequently thought in terms of storage rather than flow. There was too often the feeling-a false one-among management that nothing good can be done in an old warehouse.

The surveys disclosed that only a few of the companies did not operate their own trucks. Usually these trucks were under the direction of a number of people with the result that their operation was chaotic. Much money is being wasted because no one has determined exactly how many trucks are needed.

The speaker recommended that companies reorganize, that top management learn to delegate authority; that a thorough study of paper flow be made; and that the warehouse be put in charge of a specialist who plans the operation for flow rather than storage.

A panel discussion on "Business

Controls" was the next feature of the session, Participating in the discussion were John Sheffield, S. H. Johnson, Jr., George Wilkinson, and Henry J. Allison.

In his talk on "Stock Control," Mr. Sheffield said one of the chief advantages of a stock control system is that it makes buying simple and easy. In companies having stock control more business is done with less inventory. Frequently, as companies get larger they lose control of inventories and buy more

than they need.

However, the biggest mistake in operating a stock control system is to try to use all of its accessories or possibilities on every item. This bogs down operators and reduces the system's efficiency. A stock control system takes all guess work out of buying and makes inventory-taking a much easier job.



S. H. Johnson, Jr.

Stock control reduces warehouse "mark outs" and provides a constant check on all departments—both buying, pricing and shipping. Hazards of the system are mistakes on the unit of sale by the operators doing the posting, and absenteeism. When several operators are out at once the system can break down.

Discussing "Operating Standards," Mr. Johnson cited the need for a method of reporting and summarizing operating results that has comparative value. In developing good operating standards he emphasized the necessity for a workable cost accounting system, budgeting of expenses, and standards of work for individual administrative jobs. Departmental profit and loss statements are helping his company, but are of little help in comparing results with other companies. Test budgets, aimed at producing 2 percent net after taxes are being used, but

to be fully successful there must be sales forecast at least three months in advance. Studies are being made of paper flow in order to reduce the number of transactions.

Returning to the rostrum, Mr. Wilkinson discussed the "Importance of Supervision." Supervision was poor in the companies studied. The need for supervision arose from the fact that top men tried to do too much themselves. They often expected the same quality of work from subordinates. Companies have grown so large that delegation of authority was not clear-cut. There are relatively few people who are capable of assuming authority and few are willing. Those who are can easily be spotted.

The better workers tend to do too much themselves. When they have to pass work along they fail to realize that people don't have the same ability and interest they have. The duties of a supervisor are to: train and instruct in the routine of handling problems; assign work to subordinates; and check on their performance as to quantity and quality.

Allison Speaks

Discussing "Forecasting," Mr. Allison stated that his company had discontinued this practice some time ago because no accurate indicator of future sales conditions had been found. However, he felt there was a real need for it and recalled a number of suggestions from "The Biddle Survey of 1955." These were: Don't waste time looking for an automatic indicator of what is going to happen; don't get lost in a mass of statistics; don't let population growth factor overcolor short term estimates: listen to the estimates and arguments of your sales department, but don't depend on them: don't try to reach decisions by committee; don't change a considered judgment to meet day to day conditions; and when the period is over compare actual results with your forecast.

The session's final discussion considered the question: "Should Our Buying and Selling Functions Be Separated?". Joe W. Pitts took the affirmative side while W. A. Parker discussed the negative aspects.

A buyer is conservative by nature, Mr. Pitts said, while a salesmanager is aggressive by nature. The more aggressive buyer is going to try and command the attention of the salesmen for his lines.

If functions were combined, buyers would spend more time on buying or selling as need arose to the detriment of the other function. Another reason why buying and selling should be separated is that few buyers are capable of conducting a sales training program.

In Mr. Parker's view there should be some separation of the buying and selling functions, but the smaller the house the less the separation, and the larger the house the more marked the separation. In his company merchandise is divided into separate classifications with a manager in charge of each. Supervising all is a general sales manager who gives most of his attention to sales and merchandising.

"We believe our merchandise department managers' combination responsibilities of buying, sales promotion, profits, turnover, shorts, closeouts, etc., makes such a manager a better rounded man, and puts him in a position to produce better profits for the house."

Following this final discussion Henry J. Allison reported for the association committee charged with considering various association activities such as continuing the business surveys. The committee recommended that a series of four regional conferences for warehouse managers be held, the first to be in Atlanta. The committee would handle all details and outside warehousing experts would be asked to participate. Sites for the other meetings would be determined after a questionnaire has been sent to association members.

The report of the nominating committee was accepted and S. D. May, Bluefield Hardware Co., Bluefield, West Virginia, was named president. First vice-president is W. W. French, Jr., Moore-



H. J. Allison

Handley Hardware Co., Birmingham, Ala., while R. C. Neely, Jr., Amarillo Hardware Co., Amarillo, Tex., will serve as second vice-president. Named to the executive committee were R. A. Slack, Huey & Philp Co., Dallas, Tex., and R. J. Ogilvie, Jr., Ogilvie Hardware Co., Shreveport, La. Past President R. M. Miller becomes a member of the advisory board.

In a brief meeting of the SWHA executive committee and advisory board, following the close of the convention, T. W. McAllister was re-elected managing director and treasurer.

Excerpts from the Address of President Miller

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE was a year of great prosperity in this country. To many if not



Joe Pitts

most of our large corporations it brought record-breaking sales and the largest net profits in history. But for the wholesale hardware industry, generally, Santa Claus failed to appear. 1955 was just another year. Sales were up a little—the average increase for our members apparently was about 10%. But the net after taxes was again disappointingly small.

Of course, this problem of declining net profits is not confined merely to the wholesale hardware industry; for if that were the case, we might have to conclude that something is basically wrong with our method of distributing hardware — from manufacturer, through wholesaler, to retailer.

As we look around, we see that this same problem is found in many other lines of trade, both wholesale and retail. So we must



W. A. Parker

conclude that, basically, the trouble results from the fact that, following another war, supply has again caught up with and outstripped demand. There is more resultant pressure from manufacturers for volume, and perhaps more tendency to experiment with some other forms of distribution.

We've had a rash of discount houses springing up in the large cities over the country. Though they have been able to exist only through the elimination of merchandising services which always have been regarded as essential, this new development apparently has led to some feeling that the cost of distribution through regular trade channels is too high.

During the last two or three years the whole Fair Trade structure has been breaking down. This has resulted in some demoralization of markets here and there.

Wholesalers have the urge to increase their volume each year, the same as manufacturers. So there has been keener competition among distributors themselves, in these years when ample supplies of merchandise again have become available.

In some or all of these conditions which have developed during the last few years may be found the reasons why there has been some shrinkage in our margins. This shrinkage, percentage-wise, may have been relatively small; but unfortunately, it came at a time when expense control has been a difficult problem.

In a period of general prosperity, as at present, it is difficult to do much about the problem of expense reduction.

Under the Wage & Hour Law, the minimum wage has just been increased from 75¢ to \$1 per hour. For many of our members that

More Than a Century of Service



Widely knewn in the hardware industry Fred C. Barksdale, left, and W. F. Stephenson can together point to more than 100 years of service to the trade. Vice-president of Brown-Roberts Hardware & Supply Co., Alexandria. La., Mr. Barksdale has been associated with the industry for 52 years, all with the same company. Long connected with Stratton-Warren Hardware Co., Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Stephenson is in his 90th year and has attended every convention of the Southern Association since 1904

change will no doubt mean a considerable increase in the expense for warehousing and handling merchandise

To clarify our problem, we might, individually, prepare graphs depicting just two factors in our respective operations over the period of the last five yearsour total margin and our total expense, both in terms of percent of sales. In most cases such a graph would show the margin line slanting downward and the expense

line slanting upward.

Under the circumstances we can't be expected to listen sympathetically to anyone's claim that the cost of distribution is excessive, that our operating expenses are too high, that we should be able to reduce the cost of distribution substantially. Over the long years, competition has tended to keep both margins and expenses as low as they may be maintained and still leave us a reasonable return on our investments.

If an item of merchandise must be moved from factory to consumer at less expense, it can be done-but always at the sacrifice of services which most manufacturers regard as essential in the development and maintenance of their markets.

In the effort to "cut corners" in distribution, there have been some recent developments in the wholesale hardware trade which have attracted considerable attention. As a rule, these involve experimental plans designed to reduce sales effort by the wholesaler and encourage concentration of purchases by the retailer. It may or may not be significant that, for the most part, such plans are being developed by concerns who distribute over a very large area. It may well be that the wholesaler who serves a relatively small or concentrated market has a less troublesome problem than that which faces his larger competitors.



W. S. Gardner President, Old Guard

But for all wholesalers, irrespective of size, there is the everpresent problem of trying to keep expenses in line with sales, and of working diligently to effect greater economy and efficiency.

It was to aid in the solution of this problem that our association last year engaged the services of a firm of business management consultants. Individual surveys were made of the operations of 10 of our typical member companies, in various volume brackets and pretty well scattered over the South. The results of those surveys were compiled in the form of an 87-page report, copies of which were furnished to all members.

I hope all of you noted one significant statement in that report. In referring to what was termed the "Current Position" the report said: "All the companies surveyed have ended the 10-year period in a much sounder financial condition than at the start, in 1945

In carrying on the wholesale distribution of anywhere from 25,000 to 40,000 different items, the typical hardware wholesaler is acting as sales agent for many hundreds of manufacturers and as purchasing agent for thousands of retail outlets-and is furnishing a very necessary and indispensable service to both.

So while doing our best to cope with present temporary difficulties, let's look optimistically at the long-range picture. The outlook is one which justifies optimism.

Old Guard Elects New Officers

IN THEIR ANNUAL meeting on Tuesday morning, April 17, members of the Old Guard elected officers for the ensuing year.

W. S. Gardner, Chattanooga, was named president. Serving with him will be R. M. Barnes, New Orleans, first vice-president; and Harry Hoffner, Jacksonville, second vice-president. Mr. Hoffner was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Charles A. Pitts, Jacksonville, also continues as assistant secretarytreasurer.

C. A. Goldstrohm, Houston, was named chairman of the executive committee while Tillman Cavert, Nashville, was elected chairman of the advisory board. Dietz Lusk and Sam Eaves are new members of the executive and advisory board respectively.





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Pyrex Ware. The 1956 Pyrex Dealer Catalog, listing new prices which were effective April 2, 1956, for Pyrex consumer ware is available. The bulletin, CF-71, covers retail prices on Pyrex brand flameware, ovenware, bakingware, dinnerware, nursing units, measures and tumblers. Consumer Products Division, Corning Glass Works, Corning, N. Y.

Circle No. 48 on coupon, pg. 76

Oilers and Cans. A catalog illustrating and describing the company's entire line of oilers, safety cans, and oil and gasoline containers is available in two forms, No. 55 General Catalog, and No. 55C Condensed Catalog. Eagle Manufacturing Co., Charles St., Wellsburg, W. Va.

Circle No. 49 on coupon, pg. 76

Sporting Goods. The 1956 D & M Spring and Summer catalog features 38 pages of baseball, softball, tennis and badminton equipment. It also contains a number of photographs showing the manufacture and use of athletic equipment. Four full pages of youth baseball equipment includes official "Little League," "Pony," and "Babe Ruth League" baseballs. Copy of the catalog and dealer confidential price list may be obtained from the company. Draper-Maynard Co., 4861 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati 32, Ohio.

Circle No. 50 on coupon, pg. 76

Industrial Fasteners. A new 44-page condensed catalog covering the company's line of bolts, nuts, rivets, screws and other industrial fasteners is available. The catalog is 5½ x 9 inches and contains illustrations, sizes, packaging information and prices on the most popular items in the line. Clark Bros. Bolt Co., Mill-dale. Conn.

Circle No. 51 on coupon, pg. 76

Cordage Projects. To stimulate sales of clothesline and sash cord, unusual uses for cordage are described in pamphlets devoted to various Leisure Time Projects. Current titles available are "Stair Rail Lacing," "Spring Cleaning," "Playtime Equipment," "Fences-Trellises." "Workshop Wis-"Children's dom." Games" and "Camping Companion." The kit consists of a yellow and black-green "take one" display with three pockets for the leaflets. It is equipped with easel back and with punched hole for counter or hang-up display. The kit includes other merchandising aids. The entire cost of the project is borne by the company. Puritan Cordage Mills, Inc., 1205 East Washington St., Louisville, Ky.

Circle No. 52 on coupon, pg. 76

1956 Tackle Lineup. A comprehensive presentation of the complete line of Shakespeare tackle for 1956 appears in the new catalog which supplants the 1956 illustrated price list. A full-color cover features the new store spin reel demonstrator and the back cover pictures in accurate detail the color styling and trim which is being used on the different price ranges of glass fiber Wonderods for 1956. The inside 40 pages are printed in green, black, gray and white with feature pages on some of the company's newest tackle items. In addition to the lineup of rods, reels, and lines for every kind of fishing, a section is devoted to miscellaneous service items and supplies. Shakespeare Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Circle No. 53 on coupon, pg. 76

Gasoline Engine Tools. A 63-page catalog, describing and illustrating the company's complete line of portable gasoline engine tools, is available upon request. Data and full details are given on the "MG" chain saws, generators, land clearance saws, etc. Also, information on electric and pneumatic chain saws is included in the catalog Number 32. Mall Tool Co., 7725 South Chicago Ave., Chicago 19, Ill.

Circle No. 54 on coupon, pg. 76

Sprayers and Dusters. Available on request is a catalog covering the company's complete line of hand, continuous, compressed air knapsack, bucket, wheelbarrow and barrel sprayers. The catalog also covers hand

and crank powder insecticide dusters. A circular on the Indian Fire Pump, a portable, back-pack type fire extinguisher, is offered also. D. B. Smith & Co., 428 Main St., Utica, N. Y.

Circle No. 55 on coupon, pg. 76

Garden Hose. Catalog sheets give full information on Biltrite 10-star, 8-star and 5-star Garden Hose, as well as Biltrite Triple - Tube Flexible Sprinklers. The sheets are in color and well-illustrated. American Biltrite Rubber Co., Inc., 22 Willow St., Chelsea 50, Mass.

Circle No. 56 on coupon, pg. 76

Aluminum Reflective Insulation, A 4-page, 8½ x 11-inch, 3-colored brochure has been issued to describe the advantages of Reynolds Aluminum Reflective Insulation — paper covered with aluminum foil on one side (Type B) or both sides (Type C). Application instructions are included in the brochure plus facts concerning the economy of the product and where it can be used best. Request Form BP 315 F. Reynolds Metals Co., 2500 So. Third St., Louisville, Ky.

Circle No. 57 on coupon, pg. 76

Tapes and Tape Rules. Colorful catalog pages cover the company's complete line of hardware items which includes all types of steel measuring tapes and tape rules from 3- to 100-feet, and augmented by woven tapes, plumb bobs and hand levels. The pages are illustrated and give outstanding features of each item, plus packaging information, weight, prices, etc. Keuffel & Esser Co., Adams and Third Sts., Hoboken, N. J.

Circle No. 58 on coupon, pg. 76

Toys and Croquet Sets. Doll carriages, strollers, juvenile furniture, and croquet sets are illustrated and described in "South Bend Toys," a 16-page catalog. "Announcing 1956 Croquet" is a new illustrated brochure which describes the special features of 13 models of Croquet Sets. South Bend Toy Manufacturing Co., South Bend, Ind.

Circle No. 59 on coupon, pg. 76 (Continued on page 52)



Window Glass. A 12-page catalog entitled "Sales Aids for 1955-56" is offered. The catalog illustrates and briefly describes the various merchandising helps for dealers. Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., 603 Madison Ave., Toledo 3, Ohio.

Circle No. 60 on coupon, pg. 76

Mower Service. "Here's How To Make Business In Your Clinton Service-Center BOOM!" is a 24-page booklet that explains and illustrates 24 successful steps that lead to increased sales. The booklet puts the store owner in the shoes of his customer during a 30-minute step by step tour of business. Customer relations, the special demonstrations, open houses and other promotion plans are discussed and illustrated. Also included are examples of classified ads, suggestions on giveaway literature and direct mail pieces, and examples of window displays and product booth displays at local fairs. Clinton Machine Co.. Maquoketa, Iowa and Clinton, Mich.

Circle No. 61 on coupon, pg. 76

Hand Tools. Described as a guide, ready reference and sales builder, the 1956 Vaco Catalog contains 40 multicolored pages, is 81/2 x 11 inches, Kalamazoo punched for convenient binding into any holder, and has an 8-color cover of heavy coated stock to withstand continuous usage. Illustrations and diagrams supplement the practical information given on screwdrivers, nut drivers, pliers, wood chisels, etc. An entire 6-page section is devoted to the Vari-board merchandising displays. Vaco Products Co., 317 E. Ontario St., Chicago 11, Ill.

Circle No 62 on coupon, pg. 76

Fishing Tackle, The colorful 1956 Trade Catalog presents a number of new items in every category in the South Bend fishing tackle line. In addition to new items such as two Hollow Glass Casting-Spinning Rods, gift assortments receive special attention. Also, one page is devoted to illustrations and descriptions of the free sales aids offered by the company. An alphabetical index is placed at the front of the catalog while a general index by style numbers appears at the back, South Bend Tackle Co., Inc., 1108 South High St., South Bend 23, Ind.

Circle No. 63 on coupon, pg. 76

Door Hardware. A booklet illustrating door hardware items contains compact technical information and provides answers to customers "most asked" questions. The 12-page booklet, #A-91 Lumberman's Catalog, is in color. Richards-Wilcox Manufacturing Co., Aurora, Ill. Circle No. 64 on coupon, pg. 76

Fishing Equipment. Weber's 1956 68-page catalog No. 32 contains 82 new items in addition to the variety of fishing tackle regularly listed. The new offerings are separately indexed for quick appraisal. Foremost among them is the complete line of Weber Dylite plastic poppers, illustrated in full natural colors on a four-page lithographed insert. The four-color lithographed cover features the new three-tier revolving display rack. The free Moviegram fly casting instruction booklets in a counter display are available to dealers every year and are illustrated and described in the catalog. The Weber Lifelike Fly Co., Stevens Point, Wis.

Circle No. 65 on coupon, pg. 76

Clamps. Much text material on selection, care and use of Jorgensen and Pony Clamps in addition to regular catalog material appears in a 32page catalog. The catalog is in color and covers "C" clamps, clamp fixtures, bar clamps, handscrews, press screws, etc. Condensed catalogs and pages for house and salesmen's use are also available. Adjustable Clamp Co., 437 No. Ashland Ave., Chicago 22, Ill.

Circle No. 66 on coupon, pg. 76

Rotary and Reel Mowers. A 2color enclosure which folds to 334 x 7 inches covers the full line of Mow-Master rotary and Mowamatic reel type power mowers. This is available from distributors as Form P-23A. A 4-page catalog sheet covers the full line of mowers, is in three colors, and includes detailed specifications and weights for each model. Form P-Propulsion Engine Corp., 311
 Marion Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis.
 Circle No. 67 on coupon. pg. 76

Home Insulation. An illustrated pamphlet showing the step-by-step installation of reflective faced L.O.F. Glass Fibers Home Insulation in ceilings and walls, together with simple instructions, has been released by the company. It contains information on how the insulation should provide protection at little cost and where to use it for a cooler house in summer and a warmer house in winter. L.O.F. Glass Fibers Co., Toledo 1, Ohio.

Circle No. 68 on coupon, pg. 76

Chains. A catalog sheet, in color, which describes the advantages of the new "Measure-Mark" chain, is available. The chain is marked every five feet for exact measurement and is color-coded for instant identification of chain grade. The catalog sheet illustrates the different type chains and spotlights the color marking. Detailed information and specification charts are given also. Campbell Chain Co., York, Pa.

Circle No. 69 on coupon, pg. 76

Store Displays. Each type of display item from ticket holders to complete display units is fully illustrated and described in a new catalog. The catalog contains much information on display assembly and modern store engineering. Reeve Co., 9249 East Bermudez St., Rivera, Calif.

Circle No. 70 on coupon, pg. 76

Nails. A new pocket nail catalog listing "over 10,000 types and sizes of nails" is available. Nine kinds of finishes, eight kinds of shanks and points, and 23 different kinds of heads are shown in the catalog. Nail packaging includes the 100-pound fibre container and smaller fibre boxes in 5-, 10-, and 25-pound sizes; nails also are packaged in 14- and 1-pound cartons. Continental Steel Corp., Kokomo, Ind.

Circle No. 71 on coupon, pg. 76

Plastic Poppers. All Dylite poppers are listed and shown in full colors in Weber's 1956 catalog No. 32. The scale-finish Scaly and the candystriped Zebra are new styles that have been added for the 1956 season. The poppers are molded of Dylite plastic, the new expandable polystyrene, and a complete line is carried for all types of fishing. The Weber Lifelike Fly Co., Stevens Point, Wis.

Circle No. 72 on coupon, pg. 76

Hinges. "Hinges for Light Construction" is the title of a new four-page catalog that describes and illustrates a representative variety of the hinges available for such light construction as residences, motels, stores, etc. The new literature presents such features as Oilite bearings, non-rising pins and the new non-mortise hinge. Also described and illustrated are items of forged iron builders and cabinet hardware, in addition to such accessories as forged iron mail boxes, foot scrapers and letter slots. McKinney Manufacturing Co., 1715 Liverpool St., Pittsburgh 33, Pa.

Circle No. 73 on coupon, pg. 76

Hardware Assortments. Free illustrated catalog-price list circulars, featuring the newest "Select-a-Pak" hardware assortments, are available. Each assortment, made up of cabinet hardware, forged iron hardware or shelf hardware items, is described on (Continued on page 54)

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a separate sheet. Also included are illustrations and information on the free "Select-a-Pak" display boards, panels and layouts pertaining to the specific assortment, and which are designed to fit present dealer fixtures. Space is allowed for wholesaler imprint. Circulars are 8½ x 11 inches in size and printed in two colors. They may be used with "Select-a-Pak" Catalog No. 256 which contains open stock hardware items. National Lock Co., Rockford, Ill.

Circle No. 74 on coupon, pg. 76

Fishing Tackle. The new Pflueger Trade Catalog No. 92 is 8½ x 11 inches and has 76 pages. Among the several new items described are two new spinning reels—the Freespeed for fresh water at \$14.95 and the Sea Star for salt water and fresh water trolling at \$29.95; also two new models of casting reels for monofilament line; the complete line of new Pflueger rods; numerous new spinning lures and new self-merchandiser packages on hooks and sinkers. Enterprise Manufacturing Co., Akron, Ohio.

Circle No. 75 on coupon, pg. 76

Fishing Hints. A 4-booklet series containing fishing tips and tackle recommendations is now available to dealers for over-the-counter merchandising. The booklets are 2-color, have from 16 to 24 pages, and may be carried in a coat pocket or kept in a tackle box. They contain many illustrations and diagrams for quick mastery of proper techniques. Shakespeare Co., Kalamazoo, Mich.

Circle No. 76 on coupon, pg. 76

Power Tools. Seven single sheet catalog pages illustrate, describe and give specifications on each of the three Wen "Quick-Hot" Electronic Soldering Guns, three Electric Sander-Polishers and the new Rotary Motor Electric Power Saw. The sheets are 8½ x 11 inches or 11 x 11 inches and are printed in two and three colors. Wen Products, Inc., Chicago 31, Ill.

Circle No. 77 on coupon, pg. 76

Water Heaters. Five specification sheets, in color, feature electric and gas water heaters. These contain illustrated descriptive material, including detailed roughing-in dimensions. W. L. Jackson Manufacturing Co., 1216 E. 40th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Circle No. 78 on coupon, pg. 76

Home Locks. New "color-accent" locks are introduced in a full-color, (Continued on page 58)

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Salesman: Well, having twice as many power strokes with every foot of the starter rope you pull, your engine has twice as many opportunities to start. In cutting grass, especially if it's a little heavy or damp, this Double Power Action makes the engine respond faster, and keep cutting where ordinary engines often stall and die. Easy starting and dependable performance are assured with the modern Power Products engine.



Customer: That makes sense. What do you mean by the Modern Power Products engine?

Salesman: I mean modern in its clean, crisp appearance; and modern in its easy, convenient operation. Note that there are no sharp edges or exposed screws. This prevents cut or scratched fingers by you or your wife. The beautiful engine styling really improves the appearance of your mower, doesn't it... makes it a good looking piece of equipment you can be proud to own.



Customer: It is good looking, but you say it's also modern in its easy operation.

Salesman: Indeed it is. Here is the new instrument panel control that is one of the most exciting new features on 1956 mowers. This 4-position control sets the engine on start, run, idle and stop with a flick of the finger. No more groping under the engine for the choke lever, or risking a shock from the stop lever. Don't you agree this panel control is real modern convenience?



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Customer: It certainly is! But what about mower noise?

Salesman: This Power Products equipped mower has the exclusive, new Hush-tone muffler. It is designed to minimize neighborhood noise and makes the mower practically whisper while it works. This muffler is the result of thousands of hours of testing. It is another exclusive Power Products feature and is available in either above or below deck models.



Customer: Does this Power Products equipped mower have the oil and gas mixed together?

Solesman: Yes, Sir! Using modern pre-mixed fuel, just like your outboard motor, is cleaner, involves less work for you, and guarantees your engine clean lubrication. It eliminates the old-fashioned, messy job of checking, adding or draining crankcase oil. Most users have their pre-mixed fuel put in a container at their local filling station, and a 2-gallon can usually lasts most of the season. So you see, using pre-mixed fuel is really clean, convenient and modern.



Customer: The only thing we haven't covered is service.

Salesman: Service is important. Your Power Products engine has only 3 major moving parts and less than half as many parts as ordinary engines. This, plus the fact it has no cams, lifters or valves really means your maintenance and service costs will be at a minimum. But should you require service, Power Products has a national service organization of approximately 4,000 dealers, well trained and ready to serve you.



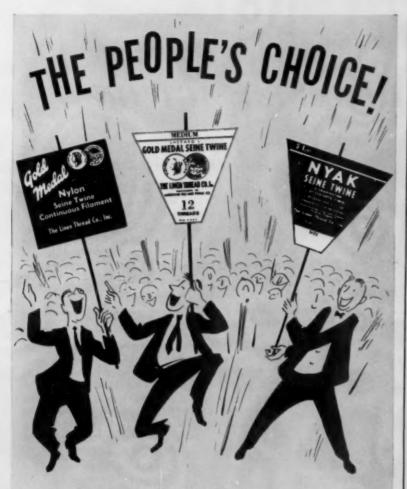
Salesman: We know the Power Products equipped mower will do a good job. The engine is specially designed and built for power mowers. That's why its easy starting, quiet operation, convenient controls and low maintenance are so outstanding. You own the best when your mower has Power Products... the modern engine with Double Power Action.

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12-page "Lock Fashions" brochure. The brochure shows the open-back Continental and Manhattan designs, and illustrates possible background paint colors, fabrics and wallpapers. Locks for every purpose throughout the home are shown and proper selection and placement are fully covered, along with helpful hints on lock styling and finishes. Schlage Lock Co., 2201 Bayshore Blvd., San Francisco, Calif.

Circle No. 79 on coupon, pg. 76

Carriages and Strollers. The new 1956 Carriage and Stroller Catalog is offered to the trade. Specific models of the juvenile products line are illustrated and features are described clearly and concisely. One page is devoted to sales aids offered by the company. The catalog is in color. O. W. Siebert Co., Gardner, Mass.

Circle No. 80 on coupon, pg. 76

Close for Vacation?

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baby bath tub was already half fuli of all manner of mail, shoved through the slot by the postman.

So the customers eventually had to believe the lettered sign, which read:

"Closed for Vacation, Aug. 15th to Aug. 28th."

The three Reeds who operate the enterprise in partnership—father and two sons — simply locked the doors and took off, Two other members of the staff also took vacations simultaneously.

"This is the fifth successive summer we've done it that way," commented E. B. Reed, senior partner, on his return from vacation. "We think it works out all right and we wouldn't do it any other way.

"Of course, at this time of the year it is something of a slack season with us and our volume runs only about \$12,000 or \$13,000 a month, so we probably missed about \$6,000 worth of sales or \$3,000 a week.

"Even so, we think we may be better off than if we tried to keep the store open with a short crew filled out with green help.

"People ask so many questions about hardware. We might lose a lot of customers if we tried to run the place with green help that didn't know the answers. With that



Ramlite shovels take a revolutionary turn!



Still pacing the industry, Ames now offers a rolled back "turn-step" on round and square point Ramlite shovels at no extra cost! Unlike other step shovels in this price range, the new Ramlite offers a truly strong unbroken step which sweeps gracefully right up into the shank... actually gives the shovel additional strength. The Ramlite's taper-rolled blade also reinforces sections of the shovel where the greatest strength is required.

This new step is available at no extra cost in the entire Ramlite Line (Models 903 RL, 905 RL, 900 RL, 901 RL, 902 RL.) The new Ramlite with its greater utility and added strength still gives perfect "hang" and balance.

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kind of a crew, too, we would lose a lot of merchandise to petty thievery."

Walter Reed says the customers like the idea and approve almost 100 percent.

"Many of them say it is the smartest thing they ever heard of and they wish they had done that in their business," Walter explained.

"It's gotten so now that customers know we are going to close up for vacation and they start asking, early in the summer, what the dates are. We always pick the dates early so we can pass the word. And a month or not less than two weeks before vacation, we put up signs announcing that we will close.

"Naturally, some of the customers forget the dates and tell us they tried to get in to buy this or that and some customers don't even notice the signs, But, even so, no one seems to take exception to our policy."

E. B. Reed and Mrs. Reed, sons Walter and Ellis and daughter Anne all went to California by car for their vacation. Mrs. A. W. Murray, whose primary responsibility is the Reed Hardware gift department, also went to California

for vacation, with her husband. But the two families went independently of one another and it was purely accidental that the Reeds and the Murrays met while inspecting Disneyland. Fifth member of the staff on vacation was the store's porter and handy man.

In the summer of 1948, E. B. Reed was bitten by the retirement bug, sold his business and went to California. By Christmas of 1949, however, he was fed up with retirement and, as he expressed it, "idleness nearly drove me crazy."

So he bought a store in a not-toogood location, at least as far as parking facilities are concerned, but last spring moved into a fine new building in a swank, new suburban shopping district and proposes to stay in the hardware business "Until I'm 95 years old."

Profit Formula for Fishing Tackle

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up lines completely for the beginning fisherman, leaving him nothing more to do than throw his line into the water. Harding cited his own experience with several of his employees who have accompanied him fishing. He believes the sport is contagious. Two members of his staff, young men, who had never fished or trolled before, became extremely enthusiastic fishermen and return to the Bay weekly. One caught a marlin which was mounted and hung on the wall over the fishing tackle department.

Wheaton Paint and Hardware Co. emphasizes fishing tackle in its newspaper promotion and through window and interior displays. Early in the season, around the first of May, the first advertisement appears, and weekly advertisements follow throughout the fishing season in the Wheaton Shopping Guide. These ads plug specials on rods and reels. Inexpensive fishing kits may be sold at cost "just to get beginners and children started." according to Harding, and may be advertised as specials throughout the season. Signs in the window and in the store play up these specials further. During the Christmas season and near Father's Day a special promotion on fishing tackle is run in the (Continued on page 62)

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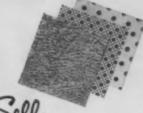


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Name of store

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newspaper.

Early in the season Wheaton Paint and Hardware sets up a complete window of fishing tackle presenting a wide price range of rod and reel equipment, and an assortment of artificial lures. As the season advances, the window display is cut down to half-size and remains so until September, with changes made weekly or twice monthly.

"Your own enthusiasm for the sport will keep it uppermost in your mind, and when customers come in looking for suggestions, you will find that fishing tackle becomes an attractive and interesting item to customers, especially when they know they can return to you for help and guidance," added Harding.

"Steady customers are developed from fishing enthusiasts. They become better acquainted with your other lines and build sales in other departments," Harding pointed out.

"Fishing is popular all over the country," Harding stated, "and any hardware dealer can gain this profitable sales volume if he learns to fish himself."

Cashing in on Sales of Room Coolers

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Since Coleman's sales force broke records on both kinds of temperature controllers their experience with the one-room-at-atimers will be related first. He has four aggressive salesmen who sell many different kinds of appliances and hardware lines in and out of the store. They did a bang-up job last summer with the single room coolers. The four salesmen are Norman Roberts, John Stout, Cordell Dickens and Ronald Coleman, Arthur's son.

"The best time to sell room units," Roberts said, "is on a sizzling hot day when the prospect is really feeling the need of something to cool him off. In one week of such weather last summer we sold 40 of them."

During hot weather, when the home-owner is wishing hardest for a cooler feeling there's no time of day or night that the company salesmen won't trail him down and help him satisfy that longing. In fact, these boys do some of their best selling on days when they are

supposed to be off, or in evenings after closing hours.

"I find the most favorable time to close a sale," Stout explained, "is after dark when the entire family is at home and relaxed from the day's responsibilities. Frequently, I have sat down at the supper table with the family and discussed the comforts of air conditioning with them as we ate. Somehow they seem to be in a more understanding mood while dining and are easier to talk to."

Many sales either are initiated or closed out over the phone. The salesman picks out somebody he knows in town. Maybe the prospect already has been in the store looking over the various name brands. "I want to come down tonight and bring one of our room units with me," he says. "I want to show you how good it makes you feel this kind of weather. If you decide not to buy it I will take it up.

"Under the law of averages, you can't phone many prospects with that kind of proposition without a certain percentage of them taking you up and buying," he confides.

"Nearly every one who allows



us to bring a room unit down for such a demonstration keeps it," Roberts says. "The salesman car-ries with him an air conditioner that can be plugged into a 110-volt circuit. After the room is properly cooled down and the family gets the feel of it, the temptation to hold onto that comforting situation becomes almost irresistible. Especially when we offer to sell on any kind of terms that will make it easy for the buyer to buy. After he enjoys the cooling for a reasonable length of time he will think very seriously before he lets us take it away.

Store Displays

Most of the room units are sold in the city of Madison, a town of about 8,000 population. While some of the leads are obtained by phoning homes that are known to be without air conditioning, most of them are obtained by tempting displays in the store. The store is in the heart of the business section and fronts the main thoroughfare through town. Both motorists and sidewalk passersby can see the display.

Hundreds come in to look over the front store display. It is mounted on a platform laid over nail kegs which are concealed by attractive cover and ornamentation. As soon as a spectator walks in, the air conditioned comfort of the store itself engulfs him with a delightful contrast to what he has just left on the outside. This does a lot to condition his mind for an immediate sale or a sale follow-up. After the customer sees this display, the store salesman often arranges an appointment for a home demonstration. If the prospect doesn't agree to an appointment then he may accept the idea on a later phone call.

Sometimes a single air conditioner set off on a stand and surrounded with traffic appliances attracts considerable attention from customers who drop in.

Room unit sales are aided and abetted by suggestive display signs and some radio promotion. There are signs on the glass doors and a large electric sign which is quite noticeable at night.

Eller & Coleman is relieved of the responsibility of maintaining an expensive service department to keep these air conditioners running. The store salesmen are able to do the ordinary minor adjusting and regulating. Where shop servicing is needed, it is handled by the area distributor. He not only



takes care of it through the guarantee period but provides it under the regular service charge terms afterwards.

The central air conditioning plants are serviced also through the same distributor arrangement. Eller & Coleman had sold 20 of these year-'round units up to October 1955. The beauty of these central plants is that they can be sold successfully the year-'round, while the room units are chiefly seasonal sellers. Demand for the latter usually starts in March or April and reaches a peak in July and August.

Since the best prospects for the central plants are among new home builders, they are installed when the home is built. Since new homes are built the year-'round they are sold the year-'round.

"Some of our best bets are the speculative builders," Roberts explained. "The speculative builder who is constructing several houses that he hopes to sell later will in all likelihood, equip some of them with central air conditioning."

Sometimes a speculative builder will buy central plants for three or four houses at a time. He can be cultivated as a repeat buyer, while the individual home-owner won't buy more than one in a lifetime.

However, Eller & Coleman has sold quite a number of individual home builders. The prospective builder may be contacted through the general contractor or other sources. If he hasn't already contemplated the idea, it doesn't require much effort to convince him that one year-'round central plant that will regulate the temperature for the whole house throughout the year is about as cheap as a heating plant plus several room air conditioners. It is a simple matter to show him that such equipment will add enough to either the sale value of the house or to his own family comfort to justify the cost.

Stout believes that these central air conditioners are already being installed in half the homes under construction in the Madison area.

Eller & Coleman isn't yet promoting central equipment for homes that are already built, but believes that the market will open up as the idea becomes more popular. The best prospects among old homes are those that are now being heated with hot air furnaces.

The hot air ducts can be used for year-'round air conditioning and the installation in such homes isn't as expensive as in those old residences in which the ducts would have to be specially constructed.

Gardening Know-How Builds Added Volume

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the community know in the earliest part of the year that his store is the garden supplies center. We display the initial needs of spring gardening very early in the season so customers will link our store with their gardening."

Boulevard Hardware Co. depends heavily on sidewalk displays for promotion and finds them to be the store's most effective advertising medium. Rental of garden tools also is advertised through signs in the window and store.

"A most profitable and valuable part of a garden supplies department are rentals. They not only furnish the customer with a needed service, but the merchandise is adequately paid for through rental



fees," added this dealer. "Maintenance costs are low because power equipment like mowers, garden tractors, post hole diggers, hedge clippers, aerators and lawn rollers and fertilizer spreaders are designed and built to take hard wear. When such equipment becomes two or three years old, we sell and replace it.

"Rentals are a big item in our operation," Offield asserted.

Boulevard Hardware Co. furnishes free use of a fertilizer spreader with a sale of 100 pounds of fertilizer. Rentals are on an hourly or daily basis with a deposit required only when the customer is not known to the dealer. Size of the deposit varies in accordance with the list price of equipment.

"As a neighborhood store our greatest value to the community's gardeners is our ability to answer questions. We go out on a garden problem and investigate a customer's yard when he requests that we do so. Usually, however, we can handle his gardening problem by telephone," stated Offield. "When we cannot answer a question, we offer to find out. We check with wholesalers, recheck our reading sources such as garden magazines, newspaper columns, and supplier literature. We make it a point to be of greatest help to our customers."

Garden supplies customers are good customers who buy paint, screen doors, hardware, outdoor cooking sets and utensils, and many other items.

Thread? In a Hardware Store!

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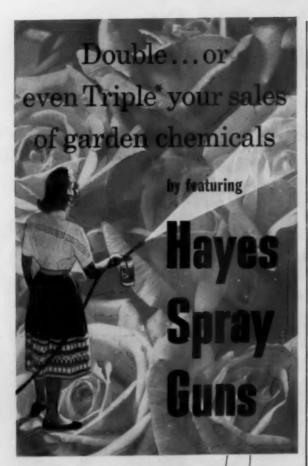
ware store to buy thread not available in the department store.

It is not all five-and-ten business, either, Cosby emphasizes. Recently a regular thread customer came in and selected 144 balls or spools of thread at one time. The price per unit was 29 cents. Most customers, he says, are multiple buyers.

There is no way of accurately estimating how much other business the thread counter brings to the rest of the store, Cosby says, but he does know that it helps. Now and then he can trace a major sale directly to the thread department.

Last spring a woman, new in town, had heard about the thread counter. She came in, bought two





*Here's proof!One well-known dealer chalked up a 320% increase in sales of garden chemicals totaling several thousand cases by featuring the Hayes line. (Name on request.) He made this move because customers were complaining of ineffective results from chemicals when used with other methods of application.

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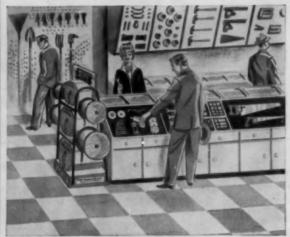
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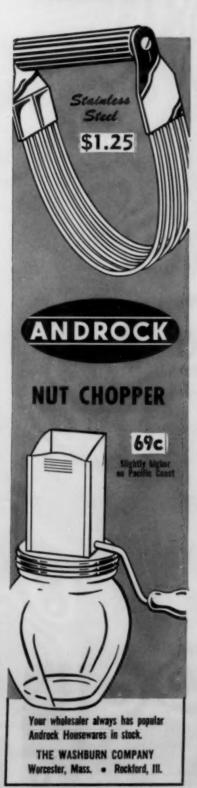


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spools of thread then walked over to the appliance department. A half-hour later she signed an order for a new refrigerator. Cosby feels that this refrigerator sale never would have been made except for the thread counter which brought in the customer.

The year-'round toy department is directly back of the thread counter, and many thread customers patronize the toy department on the same trip, Cosby says.

Developing Extra Sales of Picnic Supplies

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away. It is made possible by a stairway leading to the second floor.

"We decided to divide what we considered summer and winter picnic items into two different display areas. As a result we find customers prefer this arrangement and our sales have increased," Holley said. "Items for outdoor picnics such as picnic baskets, ice coolers, ice tea glasses, etc., are what we call our summer items. Items for the winter picnics are usually to be used around the fireplace and include coffee pots and mugs, popcorn poppers, etc. Items like cooks' caps and aprons, plastic plates, forks and spoons, and cooking utensils are displayed in both places as customers buy them to use throughout the year.

"We plan our window displays to include either the summer or winter items. For instance, in the summer we may have a picnic table displayed with all the items for summer use on it. In winter, we have all the items grouped around an imitation fireplace."

Built Fireplace

This past summer the Holley store built a small fireplace in the section for the winter picnic supplies. A complete line of fireplace items make the display more effective. As an extra service, a number of magazines and books on the construction of fireplaces are available for customers who are planning the construction of their own. This service is free and helps add many sales of picnic supplies each week.

"Another advantage of having the picnic supplies divided into two sections," Holley pointed out, "is that it starts people thinking early about a picnic for two times



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With your order for the attractive 20-knife display above, your jobber will provide a big, free promotion kit containing:
Window streamer, pennant, coupon book, promotion tips, and dealer prize entry card.





of the year instead of one. For instance, a lady visiting the store recently bought several items from our summer picnic section. Before she left the store she stopped at the winter section and placed a popcorn popper on layaway to be picked up this winter."

The Holley store finds picnic supplies are sold easily to almost every customer shopping at the store. Most people think of picnics as happy times and they feel they are buying a little happiness with each purchase. Every customer that enters the store is given a small sales talk on picnic items and about one out of every five makes a purchase of these items.

"We find display is one of the main factors in building sales of picnic supplies," Holley added. "We try to make our displays resemble the outdoors, or the atmosphere around the open fireplace, as much as possible. We find that if we make a customer feel that he is out in his own backyard at the barbecue pit, or sitting around the fireplace popping corn, he usually will buy more.

"To make our display more effective, we use a small outdoor

picnic table in our summer picnic section. We set it up just like a family would before they eat. Also, we use a small awning over our wall display in this section to give it more of the warm weather effect. In the winter section, we place a red light under several oak logs in the fireplace to give it a realistic effect. Often, during the fall, we have a coffeepot full of hot coffee to serve customers in this section."

Many picnic items were sold last year as Christmas presents. Most housewives buy one or more items each Christmas as presents for the entire family. Picnic supplies are one item that each member of the family can derive much pleasure from. The store plans to start its Christmas promotion of these items in early October, and the layaway plan will be stressed as an extra sales measure.

"We have carried a fairly large inventory of picnic items for the past three years," Holley said. "We really saw how much volume we could gain when we started our heavy promotion this past spring. If these items are promoted and displayed, they can be a big profit line."



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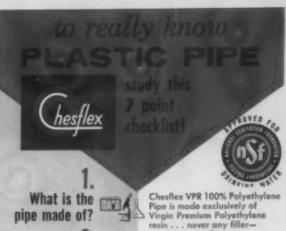
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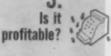




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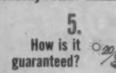
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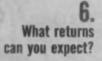
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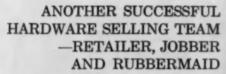
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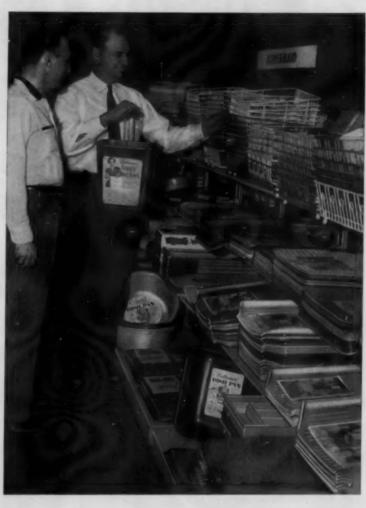
"Rubbermaid moves so fast -

I always carry it in good depth"

says Ronald Hoffpauir, Manager Marine Electric Housewares Lafayette, Louisiana



Ronald Hoffpauir, Manager, Marine Electric Housewares, Lafayette, Louisiana, and Rennie Benoit, Salesman, Corenswet, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana





RETAILER SAYS: "Rubbermaid is one of our fastest moving lines. Giving it good position and plenty of room for display makes it move faster. So, you've got to carry it in good depth of items and colors. Needless to say, I like Rubbermaid's long margin on that fast turnover. We're pulling in extra customers too, with mail stuffers and newspaper ads." Ronald Hoffpauir, Manager, Marine Electric Housewares, Lafayette, Louisiana.



JOBBER SAYS: "I find that whenever a dealer displays Rubbermaid in good depth, both in items and colors, he always enjoys fast turnover. Rubbermaid is a line with items that every housewife needs—and that means volume and plus business for my dealers and for me." Rennie Benoit, Salesman, Corenswet, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana.



RUBBERMAID SAYS: "You can't sell from an empty wagon. And—as far as the woman who needs a yellow

Rubbermaid Dish Drainer for her kitchen is concerned—your wagon is empty if you don't have yellow in stock. So, stock up for a wagonful of profits with all basic items, in all popular colors and sizes. Display them right, in the right location—and watch Rubbermaid turnover pay!"



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DEALER SALES AIDS



For more information on these sales aids use the free post card at bottom of page

Pipe Dispenser

A dispenser display for flexible plastic pipe is introduced by Carlon Products Corp., 10225 Meech Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.



Designed to take less than eight square feet of floor space and made from sturdy plywood, the unit holds over 1000 feet of plastic pipe in ½-, ¾- and 1-inch sizes. Its over-all height is less than five feet.

Three standard coils may be slipped onto lightweight steel reels and placed into the dispenser with a minimum of time and effort, the company states. Every coll of Carlon plastic pipe may be uncolled or loaded without affecting the other reels. For more information—

Circle No. 814 on coupon, pg. 76

Reel Sales-Maker

A display featuring six Bronson bait casting reels is announced by the Bronson Reel Co., Bronson, Mich.

Designed in three colors, the display includes an acetate cover to keep the reels free from dust. The carton the reels come in converts into the display and occupies less than one



square foot of space. Reels fasten securely in place, yet are removable.

Included are the Lashless (No. 1700), the Mercury (No. 2550), the Green Hornet (No. 2200), the Fleetwing (No. 2475), the Comet (No. 2400), and the Altoona (No. 4200). Prices range from \$8.95 to \$3.25. List prices of the six reels total \$35.65. Dealer cost is \$21.39; there is no charge for the display. For more information—

Circle No. 815 on coupon, pg. 76

Saw Frame Display

Great Neck Saw Manufacturers, Inc., of Mineola, N. Y., has introduced a hack saw frame and coping saw frame display which is called the



Handy Return Card

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 Catalogs & Bulletins

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No. 660 Hack Saw Frame Coping Saw Frame Department. It is designed for use on either floor or counter and measures 2434 inches wide x 211/2 inches high.

The two-tone orange and black heavy wire-steel display holds 3½ dozen of the company's line of saw frames, as follows: 1 dozen of No. 9 Coping Saw; 1 dozen of No. 50 Hack Saw; ¼ dozen, No. 80 Hack Saw; ¼ dozen, No. 125 Hack Saw; ¼ dozen, No. 325 Hack Saw; and ½ dozen, No. 28 Coping Saw. Prices are clearly marked.

The entire display costs the dealer \$38.50 and retails for \$59.00. For more information—

Circle No. 816 on coupon below

Mirro Display Kit

A new Mirro Display Kit being distributed to dealers this spring by Aluminum Goods Manufacturing Co., Manitowoc, Wis., includes a continuous roll display banner. It is furnished



in a 100-foot-long roll with a sales message repeated every 40 inches, at which point it is perforated for separation. Any length can be used as a counter display, table skirt, window banner, pillar display, etc.

Other materials in Mirro's Display Kit include Cook Ware Festival display cards, incorporating reprints of national magazine ads, for window and counter displays. All of the display material is built around the "Mirro Cook Ware Festival." Free mat and layout service for newspaper advertising and suggested radio and television copy also are offered to dealers.

Mirro circulars and postcards are furnished along with the Mirro Sales ' Maker Manual. In addition, 60-second open end TV films are available for dealers' use on a free-loan basis. For more information—

Circle No. 817 en coupon below

Shovel Merchandiser

A new portable merchandising unit which provides space for as many as 18 assorted shovels, spades and



scoops, in both Dee and long handles, is announced by the Ingersoll Steel

Division, Borg-Warner Corp., New Castle, Ind.

The unit measures 36 x 24 x 26 inches and is mounted on 360 degree roller bearing casters. It is built of 24-gauge steel and finished in red enamel with silver printing. Finish is weatherproof for outside display. The shovel merchandiser is shipped in a carton and offered at \$5.95 f.o.b. factory. For more information—

Circle No. 818 on coupon below

Plastic Pipe Package

A guaranteed plastic pipe sales package, offered by Carlon Products Corp., 10225 Meech Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio, sells or the dealer gets his money back. The package consists of



three 100-foot coils of plastic pipe in popular sizes and an ample selection of plastic fittings in a merchandiser along with a streamer, brochures and other sales aids.

Carlon Products agrees to take back any items not sold after the dealer displays the merchandiser prominently in his store for four months. For more information—

Circle No. 819 on coupon below

Knife Trade-In Plan

A trade-in plan for the merchandising and selling of pocket knives is being offered by Camillus Cutlery Co., Camillus, N. Y., for a limited time. Dealers will allow customers 50 cents for any old pocket knife, regardless of age, make or condition, toward the purchase of any new Camillus brand pocket knife on special trade-in display.

The promotion unit consists of a display piece to which is attached 20 knives, representing five of the fastest selling styles in the regular Camillus line.

Three-color window streamers and pennants, newspaper mats, catalog sheets, promotional tips, and coupons are available to dealers who participate in the program. Every dealer who purchases the 20-knife trade-in display is provided a complete pro-

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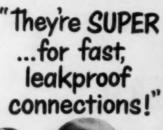
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motional kit, free of charge.

A special incentive is provided dealers who do an exceptional job in promotion. Each dealer is furnished with an entry blank for a \$100 Savings Bond Contest. The award will be made to the dealer with the best promotion behind the trade-in campaign. For more information—

Circle No. 820 on coupon, pg. 76

PRINTED HELPS and other sales aids for 1956

Jackson Manufacturing Co., Harrisburg, Pa., has available a 3-fold circular in color, which can be used as counter circulars or mailing stuffers on its complete lawn and garden equipment line. These stuffers are available upon request. For more information—

Circle No. 821 on coupon, pg. 76

Buch Manufacturing Co.. Elizabethtown, Pa., has available for dealers a display kit free of charge. The kit contains a counter card, 9" x 18", printed in two colors; three gummed window and door stickers, featuring home barrows, spreaders and lawn carts; and a giant streamer, 12" x 28", printed in two colors. All merchandising material is printed in Bermuda Green and black which matches the color of the Buch line of lawn care equipment. For more information— Circle No. 822 on coupon, pg. 76

Zebco Co., 1131 East Easton St., Tulsa 1, Okla., offers to dealers a number of folders containing descriptive material on its reels, together with a Goodstix window display. Catalog sheets are available featuring the five models of reels manufactured by the company. For more information—

Circle No. 823 on coupon, pg. 76

The Enterprise Manufacturing Co., Akron 9, Ohio, makers of Pflueger fishing tackle, has available for dealers a window display kit which consists of a central illustration plus display cards on major items. Other sales aids include: Trade Catalog #92 issued February 1956, consumer catalog #192 issued in March 1956; dealer mats on most reels; proofs of line and half-tone cuts on most products; and a counter display rack for bait cards which measures 10 inches high by 10 inches in diameter. For more information—

Circle No. 824 on coupon, pg. 76

Melnor Metal Products Co., Inc., 10-40 45th Ave., Long Island City 1, N. Y., offers a cooperative advertising plan to eligible dealers whereby Melnor pays 50 percent of the actual space cost of the dealer. The cost, however, cannot exceed \$20 for each advertisement placed. The space cost is paid directly to the dealer. The limit is six advertisements per dealer in any one calendar year. The company also will provide mats for the ads. For more information—

Circle No. 825 on coupon, pg. 76

Henry L. Hanson Co., Worcester, Mass., has available a Self-Seller Drill Display which requires 14 inches of space. A clear cover highlights the high speed drills which are held in supporting holes and serve as a drill gauge. The size and price are marked and quantities are varied according to demand. The cabinet has a storage rack for extra stocks. An information chart is also available.

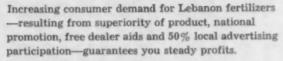
The Hanson Self-Seller Display Cabinet for taps and dies contains initial assortment of taps, dies, screw extractors, die stocks and tap wrenches, including all popular sizes, and is graduated according to normal customer demands. The cabinet requires counter space 18 inches x 13 inches and has space in the back for extra stock. For more information—

Circle No. 828 on coupon, pg. 76

Wen Products, Inc., Chicago 31, Ill., makes available to dealers colorful, 30" x 10" window streamers or wall signs — two featuring Wen Model #250 or #199 "Quick-Hot" Electronic Soldering Guns; others Model #202, #303 or #404 Electric Sander-Polishers. Two-color folders, 33%" xwichich illustrate and describe the above-mentioned products, and a wide assortment of glossy photos, electros, mats, and prepared ads also are offered. For more information—Circle No. 827 on coupon, pg. 76

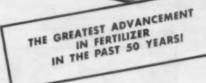
Lebanon Chemical Corp., Lebanon, Pa., offers a number of free merchandising aids for its line of fertilizers, weed killers, insecticides and fungicides. A metal store sign "Authorized Dealer" is 15" x 12", silk screened in black and Day-Glo red on white baked enamel finish. Leaflets and stuffers are in two and three colors and offer wide variety. A 1-minute or 20-second radio announcement on any

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Superior organic soil conditioners. Cow and Sheep Manures are 100% natural products—dependable, inexpensive and safe to use. Can not burn or scald delicate root fibers.

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product plus newspaper mats and window streamers are also offered. A Dealer Aid Folder, 17" x 22", folding to approximately 8½" x 5½", two colors, two sides, describes all merchandising aids for the dealer's convenience and is available without cost. Lebanon also will pay 50 percent of newspaper and radio advertising expense upon presentation of invoice and proof of insertion and use. For more information—

Circle No. 828 on coupon, pg. 76

The Wood Shovel and Tool Co., Piqua, Ohio, offers to dealers a brochure and a proof sheet on advertising mats which are available free of charge. A self-mailer on the company's Jet-Lite line of shovels, spades and scoops can be used by the wholesaler and the dealer alike and is available in any quantity upon request. A floor type shovel rack which provides a great degree of flexibility inasmuch as it can be moved from one part of the store to another and which displays six or more shovels, spades and scoops is made available at a small extra cost. For more information-

Circle No. 829 on coupon, pg. 76

Camillus Cutlery Co., Camillus, N. Y., offers the following sales aids in connection with promotions of the Camillus and Camco pocket knife lines: In the Camillus line, a special display unit featuring 20 knives in a

special promotion (SP-56) is available free of charge when ordering the unit. Also available free of charge are window streamers in three colors, pennants in three colors, free newspaper mats, catalog sheets and special promotion tips.

For the Camco line, a new 1956 display case 56-12U is offered at no extra cost when ordering a half dozen each of the 12 top selling numbers. The case is a wooden cabinet with glass front for display of 12 knives. Storage space which can be locked is at the rear. Also available free of charge are window streamers and pennants on the Camco line. For more information—

Circle No. 830 on coupon, pg. 76

Geyer Manufacturing Co., Rock Falls, Ill., offers its dealers a selection of ad mats covering the most popular items in the Geyer Farm and Garden Tool line. An illustrated brochure for easy ordering is available on request. For more information—

Circle No. 831 on coupon, pg. 76

Lombard. 6 Main St., Ashland, Mass., in launching a chain saw sales promotion, is providing dealers with special promotional material featuring an "archeress" and the slogan "Lombard Hits the Bullseye." The complete Lombard line of chain saws is displayed in specially printed broadsides. Bright banners have been

designed to set off displays in either the dealer's window or at a booth at a state, county or local fair. A new Dealer Newsmat series and envelope stuffers for dealer use are also available. For more information—

Circle No. 832 on coupon, pg. 78

Ray-O-Lite Corp., 316 Peachtree St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga., makers of fiberglas awnings, aids dealers through a "flip chart" sales manual. The presentation is well illustrated and contains brief descriptive material. For more information—

Circle No. 833 on coupon, pg. 76

Langley Corp., 310 Euclid Ave., San Diego 14, Calif., offers its dealers seven newspaper ad mats of Langley spinning reels and Fisherman's De-Liars. Mat proofs are reproduced in a 4-page folder and are available at no charge in 1- and 2-column widths, ranging from five to 10 inches deep. For more information—

Circle No. 834 on coupon, pg. 76

Crescent Tool Co., Jamestown, N. Y., has available for dealers several floor and counter display stands. There are two counter display stands, one of which will accommodate any four and the other any six of the 16 different 12" x 24" tool panels now available. One of the floor stands will accommodate six and the other 12

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of the same panels. A similar floor stand is available which will handle any six of nine 24" x 24" display panels. Both the counter and floor displays revolve freely on ball bearings to make it convenient for shoppers to rotate the displays. It is also possible to mount any of these displays on the wall or to stand them on special easels which will accommodate either single panels or two of them back to back. The boards also may be hung on peg boards. For more information—

Circle No. 835 on coupon, pg. 76

Rec Division, Motor Wheel Corp., Lansing 3, Mich., supplies its dealers with 4-color envelope stuffers, wall posters and ad mats at factory cost. Indoor sales and service signs, designed to stamp the store's name and its Rec dealership upon the mind of the public may be obtained for \$9.90 each. For more information—

Circle No. 836 on coupon, pg. 76

The Irwin Auger Bit Co., Wilmington, Ohio, offers to dealers free metal display merchandisers with the following assortments. No. D-13 contains free metal wall display and 13 bit assortment of Irwin 62T Bits, one of each size 4/16" through 16/16". No. 8830 contains free metal counter or wall display and assortment of 30 Irwin Speedbor "88" Wood Bits for electric drills. No. 430 contains free

metal wall display and assortment of 30 amber plastic handle screw drivers in most popular sizes. All displays are colorful and fit in a minimum of space. A booklet on the selection, use and care of bits, and a variety of envelope stuffers are also available. For more information—

Circle No. 837 on coupon, pg. 76

The Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co., Stamford, Conn., provides carded hardware as a dealer help in boosting sales. The company also advocates the use of mounted samples on display boards as a permanent merchandising idea. Package merchandisers are offered by the company for location in such strategic positions as next to the cash register, on the counter, in the window, or near tie-in merchandise. All merchandisers are in bright colors and polyethylene bags are used to package many of the products. For more information—

Circle No. 838 on coupon, pg. 76

Hanson Scale Co., 1777 Shermer Rd., Northbrook, Ill., offers its dealers two scale promoter display stands. Display # D-103 is a wooden stand free to any dealer who has Hanson scales, will hold seven sets, and is 18" wide by 14" deep. A new bath scale sampler of six scales, No. 3580, includes without charge a merchandiser which can be used on the counter, floor, or in windows. It

is finished with soft rose background and jade green trim. For more information—

Circle No. 839 on coupon, pg. 76

Columbian Rope Co., Auburn, N. Y., has available for dealers an assortment of window display materials including ship cutouts, samples of manila and sisal fibres, folders and pamphlets, and a red and blue dealer sign. Colorful sales promotional booklets are available on various company products. Currently offered also are two dispenser racks sold through wholesalers. The Columbian Rope Merchandiser requires only 22" by 12" of floor space and holds seven sizes of rope which can be cut to desired lengths. Another dispenser, the Colpack Rope Rack, holds four cartons of rope. Additionally, the company offers various counter display cartons and carded products, individually packaged such as starter ropes, jute, twine, mason's line and Christmas twine. For more information-

Circle No. 840 on coupon, pg. 76

The Ruberoid Co. 500 Fifth Ave., New York 36, New York, manufacturers of building products, offers a wide selection of envelope stuffers, window display material, counter displays, and special store displays in numerous sizes, colors, and materials. These include a 6-tier wire



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rack display for asbestos siding, rigid model boards, etc.; a two-piece metal entrance doorway sign; metal, flat wall sign; metal truck sign; a Day-Glo banner; and a color selector chart. Also included are a number of colorful counter displays on various products. For more information—

Circle No. 841 on coupon, pg. 76

Upson Brothers, Inc., 65 Broad St., Rochester 14, N. Y., offers a permanent, self-service display of all plastic construction at no extra cost for the TD-48 Hold-E-Zee screwdriver assortment. This Tenite display holds a stock of 48—17 types and sizes—one to six of a kind. Each driver is marked on the display for number and price for easy replacement when sold. For more information—

Circle No. 842 on coupon, pg. 76

Chas. O. Larson Co., P. O. Box 358, Sterling, Ill., manufacturers of wire goods, wire specialties and hardware construction sets for the do-it-your-self trade, has available for dealers envelope stuffers on Saw Horse Brackets and various construction sets, which may be obtained in moderate quantities without charge upon request. Counter models for three styles of Saw Horse Brackets and one style of Folding Leg Brackets are available without charge under certain conditions through wholesalers. For more information—

Circle No. 843 on coupon, pg. 76

Scott-Atwater Manufacturing Co., Inc., 2901 East Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 13, Minn., in its "Advertising and Promotion Handbook for 1956" covers all of the sales promotion material available to Scott-Atwater dealers in 1956. This material includes free mats and ad builders; giant window streamers which feature the 1956 line; handout stuffers; line folder; color postcards; dealer decal; imprinted match books; service uniforms; and copy for radio commercials. An indoor sign, in three colors, plastic, 50" x 14", and illuminated by two fluorescent tubes, and an outdoor sign 72" x 36" illuminated by four fluorescent tubes are among the signs available. For more information-

Circle No. 844 on coupon, pg. 76

National Lock Co., Rockford, Ill., will supply single- and double-column newspaper mats without charge to customers featuring National Locksets, Cabinet Hardware, Furniture Trimmings, and Tutch Latch. Envelope enclosures describing the same products are also available. For Locksets, a counter sign is offered without charge. The Select-a-pak merchandising plan introduced as a sales aid features screws, stove bolts, and hardware products packed in small compact boxes which have clear acetate sliding covers. Counters and display boards which enable retailers to display a complete line of

hardware in a small compact space for the Wood Screw and the Stove Bolt assortments are given free. For more information—

Circle No. 845 on coupon, pg. 76

Atlas Asbestos Co., North Wales, Pa., wick manufacturers, furnish, through wholesalers, metal merchandisers and cardboard counter displays with the purchase of merchandise. Two displays are the metal merchandisers for Glaswik and Flamemaster which not only keep 100 foot rolls of these wick brands clean, fresh, and easy to cut, but remind customers to order wick. With the 51/2' rolls of Glaswik, Flamemaster and Beswik, a counter display is furnished with every dozen individual boxes of a size - the individual boxes being packed one dozen to a counter display. For more information-

Circle No. 846 on coupon, pg. 76

McKinney Manufacturing Pittsburgh 33, Pa., manufacturers of forged iron hardware, makes available to dealers special window displays promoting the company's line of products. Also offered are a number of colorful and informative envelope stuffers of interest to home-owners and prospective builders, and a booklet designed to help in the selection of hardware for the home. Dealers may obtain also a wide range of advertising mats. Currently available is an assortment of carded hardware complete with display rack. For more information-

Circle No. 847 on coupon, pg. 76

Midwest Tool and Cutlery Co., Inc., Sturgis, Mich., offers dealers a small wire display rack for merchandising its line of steel snips. The display, which takes up only one square foot of counter space can be displayed also in windows or can be hung on walls. The merchandiser contains a varied assortment of 12 snips with a retail value of \$23.85. The rack shows stock number and retail price and enables the dealer to see at a glance those items in short supply. The display rack is given free with purchase of the merchandise. Both are packed in one carton. For more information-

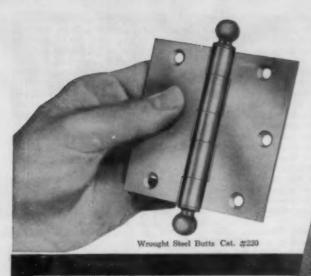
Circle No. 848 on coupon, pg. 76

Ocean City Manufacturing Co., "A" and Somerset Street, Philadelphia 34, Pa., is publishing a monthly newsletter for fishing tackle dealers. The publication is designed to give tackle dealers information so they can make more profit. For more information—

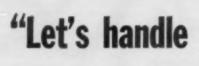
Circle No. 849 on coupon, pg. 76

The Patterson-Sargent Co., 1325 E. 28th St., Cleveland 14, Ohio, publishes a complete catalog of suggested dealer sales aids. These include radio commercials, window and outdoor





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signs, transfers for windows, fixture plans, suggestions for direct mail, give-aways, and window displays, and suggested copy for newspaper ads. For more information—

Circle No. 850 on coupon, pg. 76

O. F. Mossberg & Sons, Inc., P. O. Box 1302, New Haven 5, Conn., makes available to dealers a two-color window streamer promoting its line of guns, advertising mats, envelope stuffers, a sales manual, a colorful counter card, gun rack, and Guide Book to Rifle Marksmanship. In addition, the company offers dealers free electrotypes as well as radio and TV commercials. For more information—

Circle No. 851 on coupon, pg. 76

Champion DeArment Tool Co., Meadville, Pa., offers dealers a wide range of sales aids including imprint book matches, display boards and display rolls, newspaper mats, counter signs, decals, envelope stuffers, and counter costs for sales personnel. Display boards offered include No. 26 which is designed as a permanent display. The 26 different pliers on this board are securely fastened in place and are lacquered to make an attractive, long-lasting display. The board is 34" plywood, measuring 24" x 30". Display boards 57, 75-A and 87, of the same size, are dispensing boards containing selected assortments or the

complete line of pliers which may be sold right from the boards. No charge is made for the boards when merchandise is purchased, boards remaining company property. Small 41/2" pliers available in 5 different patterns are merchandised on 3-color display board and are also available in a velvet lined fitted case. Advertised as Channellocks "Little Champ" pliers. A counter promotion kit has been designed to contain 9 of the Heavy Duty Slip Joint pliers-four, 6"; three 8"; and two, 10" patterns. Each plier is individually cartoned and all 9 pliers are packaged in a blue and white on silver foil carton. For more information-

Circle No. 852 on coupon, pg. 76

Bolens Products Division. Port Washington, Wisconsin, currently offers for dealer promotional use material for a colorful window display, a mobile display showing company's complete line of outdoor power equipment, a three-color identification banner with hangers illustrating the four lines of power equipment and explanatory literature on all products. For more information—

Circle No. 853 on coupon, pg. 76

Chattanooga Royal Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., announces that it is backing its 1956 Royal Chef line of braziers and patio grills with an aggressive merchandising campaign. A

new, larger outdoor cook book, which is sold for 25 cents, will be supplied free as a giveaway for dealers in building store traffic. Radio and TV spots, a colorful consumer folder, newspaper mats, cuts of individual grills and point-of-purchase material will be available. All of these aids are being offered dealers free of charge or at cost. For more information—

Circle No. 854 on coupon, pg. 76

Wickwire Brothers, Inc., Cortland, N. Y., offers for dealer use a merchandising kit containing colorful posters and folders promoting the company's line of wire products. Extra posters for windows and folders for counter give-aways and envelope stuffers are available in addition to ad mats of company products. For more information—

Circle No. 855 on coupon, pg. 76

The Moto-Mower Co. of Richmond, Ind., offers to its dealers a new sales promotion book entitled "I'm Your Moto-Mower Sales and Advertising Guide." Through cartoon treatment this includes tips and suggestions on salesmanship, conducting demonstrations, and setting up window displays. It also describes the newspaper mats, TV film and radio commercials which are available without charge to the dealer. Additional dealer aids include colorful consumer folders, window streamers, catalog sheets, a national coupon inquiry service and a yellow page telephone directory trade mark heading. A tabloid newspaper for store and mail distribution "Lawn Secrets" is available at \$10 per thousand. Lawn care portfolios which include one tabloid, one set of catalog sheets, one consumer folder, one retail price list in a string-tied carton are offered at \$10 per hundred. For more information-

Circle No. 856 on coupon, pg. 76

Shopmaster, Inc., 1214 So. Third St., Minneapolis 15, Minn., offers its dealers the DK-55 Merchandiser which the company describes as a complete power tool department set up in a 3' x 5' floor area. Six of the fastest moving tools and 17 basic accessories for each tool are included. All tools are properly merchandised ar I displayed on a floor model steel stand with a peg board back for the display of accessories. The unit is finished in chartreuse and red and has an SM insignia fastened to the top of the display. Although designed primarily for power tools, its standard step up design allows merchandising of other items during off season months. For more information-

Circle No. 857 on coupon, pg. 76

Foley Manufacturing Co., 3300 5th St., N. E., Minneapolis 18, Minn., continues its 14-day Trial offer on 18" and 20" deluxe Foley mowers, as a promotional aid to dealers. A cus-







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tomer is allowed a 14-day trial on his lawn. If not satisfied, he may return the mower and get his money back. The dealer has nothing to lose as the company states that it will replace the used mower whenever requested. A window streamer and advertising mats also are available. In its advertising program, a two-column six-inch mat will be run free in any dealer's local paper if that dealer will purchase three deluxe model mowers (excluding Demonstrators and Scotsman models). In metropolitan areas the dealers will be listed, free, on a big dealer listing ad. Under the co-op ad plan, after the first ad is run free, the company will then cooperate on a 50-50 basis with dealers on their future Foley mower newspaper advertising when using its standard ad mats. For more informa-

Circle No. 858 on coupon, pg. 76

The Shakespeare Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., is now providing, upon request, a tie-in news mat service for tackle dealers. The product ads in the mat service are miniature versions of larger national ads on brand name tackle items currently being featured in 1956 Shakespeare national advertising. Copy ideas and advertising art used in the national program have been adapted to these 1-column, 3 to 4-inch ad miniatures which can be used alone (with dealer store identi-

fication) or grouped with other items featured in the regular block-type newspaper store advertisement. The 3-page set of tie-in news mats is being offered without charge. For more information—

Circle No. 859 on coupon, pg. 76

True Temper Corp., 1623 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 15, Ohio, has developed for its "Tool-Up-Time" program kits to aid dealers in their garden tool promotion. Various four-color store posters and banners, newspaper ad mats, catalogs, and radio and TV scripts are offered without charge to the dealer. A dealer mailing folder also is available. For more information—

Circle No. 860 on coupon, pg. 76

Cleveland Mills Co., Lawndale, N. C., offers a printed corrugated floor display rack for merchandising the complete line of Mike twine and cordage. Approximately 4' high, this stand has five shelves with dividers, making 10 display compartments. White on the outside with blue bins, the stand is printed in red and blue. For more information—

Circle No. 861 on coupon, pg. 76

John Sunshine Chemical Co., Inc., 600 W. Lake St., Chicago 6, Ill., offers its 12 2-oz. tubes of Pipe Joint Compound individually boxed and packed

in the former Display Box. Newspaper mats or electros are furnished free upon request. Electros or newspaper mats also are furnished free upon request for the Mitee Thread Cutting Oil which now features the new reversible spout as standard equipment. If a dealer has any stock of these cans without spouts, the company will send sufficient spouts without cost. A red "S" identifies those cartons containing cans with spouts. For more information—

Circle No. 862 on coupon, pg. 76

American Biltrite Rubber Co., 22 Willow St., Chelsea 50, Mass., provides dealers with a group of advertising mats for Biltrite Garden Hose and Sprinklers. The Biltrite 10-star Hose is packed with a special corrugated display carrier. Also available is a special three-piece display, specially easeled to stand alone or mount on a three section pole which is also supplied, to serve on counters, in windows or mass display within the store. For more information—

Circle No. 863 on coupon, pg. 76

The Edwin H. Fitler Co.. Philadelphia 24, Pa., offers several sales aids for dealer use in merchandising Fitler products. (1) A cardboard counter display containing 100 ft. connected coils of manila or sisal rope in sizes ¼", 5/16", ¾" and ½". (2) A lightweight wire rope rack for Fitler





Octagonal Boxed Rope that requires only 20" x 30" of floor space to display and dispense four sizes of rope. A small charge is made for this rope rack when ordered with 140 lbs. or more of rope. (3) A rope merchandiser that handles seven sizes of rope—displays, measures and cuts rope to desired length. A small charge is made for this merchandiser, shipped freight prepaid. (4) An attractive box containing Fitler Polyethylene Water Ski Tow Rope. There are six boxes to a master shipping carton.

To all dealers handling Fitler Brand Manila Rope, Fitler will furnish a Blue and Yellow laminated metal sign for counter or wall use. For more information—

Circle No. 864 on coupon, pg. 76

Keuffel & Esser Co., Adams and Third Sts., Hoboken, N. J., offers a counter display containing the HF Assortment of Wyteface steel tapes. The display is compact and colorful and measures 17 inches wide by 7½ inches high. The assortment consists of eight tape rules in various lengths and one 50-foot tape. For more information—

Circle No. 865 on coupon, pg. 76

Propulsion Engine Corp., 311 Marion Ave., South Milwaukee, Wis., offers a number of dealer helps to cover its Mow-Master and Mowamatic power mowers. Display material includes a Jumbo size Product Identification Tag to hang on the mower handle. A Window Display Banner, 2-color, 17" x 30", features Mow-Master rotary mowers, and is designed for display window or wall use. Ad mats featuring Mow-Master rotary mowers and Mowamatic reel type power mowers and also Grind-A-Leaf pulverator attachment for Mow-Master rotary mowers, are available in one, two and three column sizes. For more information—

Circle No. 866 on coupon, pg. 76

Carolina Washboard Co., Raleigh, N. C., offers a colorful display carton which contains the following assortment of Carolina Fishing Floats: 4 doz. No. 000, \$.90 per doz.; 4 doz. No. 0, \$1.20 per doz.; 2 doz. No. 0, \$1.20 per doz.; 2 doz. No. 1, \$1.20 per doz.; 2 doz. No. 2, \$1.20 per doz.; 1 doz. No. 3, \$1.50 per doz. — list price is \$16.00. For more information—

Circle No. 867 on coupon, pg. 76

Aladdin Laboratories, Inc., 620 So. 8th St., Minneapolis, Minn., encloses a dealer merchandising kit in each box of six JON-E' Hand Warmers. Included is a cardboard counter display, a four-color folder stuffer, a window streamer and a dealer's return order post card for additional material. Four-color, self-adhering, clear acetate, 10" x 24" window post-

ers for glass doors, display windows and display cases are now available from the company, direct. For more information—

Circle No. 868 on coupon, pg. 76

Moe Light Division of Thomas Industries, Inc., Fort Atkinson, Wis., has available for dealers a number of ceiling, wall, and counter merchandising display deals, including a recessed box display unit. The lighting fixtures are displayed on peg board. On these deals all fixtures are individually packaged and are shipped directly to the dealer, master packed and equipped with mounting and wiring kits, plus complete display unit and merchandising sales helps; rail freight prepaid at Hopkinsville, Ky., on all fixtures and display units. Additional aids include free advertising mats, product shots of fixtures, a variety of full color catalogs, brochures, envelope stuffers, and promotional flyers. For more information-

Circle No. 863 on coupon, pg. 76

Adjustable Clamp Co., 437 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., offers free electros and mats to interested dealers for its "Jorgensen" and "Pony" clamps ("C" Clamps, Clamp Fixtures, Bar Clamps, Handscrews, Press Screws, etc.). Also a wide variety of pages and stuffers for counter use, for "homecrafters," school shop teachers, welders, woodworkers, etc.,





are available. For more information— Circle No. 870 on coupon, pg. 76

Alan Wood Steel Co., Conshohocken, Pa., has available copies of its A. W. Cut Nail descriptive leaflet. The leaflets can be supplied imprinted with the dealer's name, address and telephone number for use as envelope stuffers. For more information—

Circle No. 871 on coupon, pg. 76

W. L. Jackson Manufacturing Co., Inc., 1216-1226 E. 40th St., Chattanooga, Tenn., offers to dealers four envelope stuffers featuring gas and electric water heaters and electric floor furnaces. A fifth is soon to be added, featuring glass-lined water heaters. Advertising mats are also available. For more information—

Circle No. 872 on coupon, pg. 76

Southern Screw Co., Statesville, N. C., offers without charge to dealers a Dealer Chart, giving complete information on wood screws and stove bolts. The chart is of heavy cardboard, punched for hanging and covers information on wood screws as follows: list price per gross for slotted steel and brass; net price per gross figured on the basis of various discounts; how to determine size, length and head style; pilot and shank clearance hole recommendations chart; and

shipping weights. Stove bolt information included is as follows: list price per gross; net price per gross figured on the basis of various discounts; and shipping weights. For more information—

Circle No. 873 on coupon, pg. 76

Nixdorff-Krein Manufacturing Co., 916 Howard St., St. Louis 6, Ill., announces the Merchaindiser Display Rack which holds eight of the company's fastest selling types and sizes of chain with a built-in chain cutter. The reels have square holes to prevent chain from running out on the floor. The display has a spare rack for extra stock and has a tubular steel frame with no sharp edges. For more information—

Circle No. 874 on coupon, pg. 76

Utica-Duxbak Corp., Utica 4, N. Y., has available for dealers a complete mat service covering the company's line of sportsmen's clothing. Offered also is colorful corrugated display material for window backgrounds or for use on TV programs. Other sales aids include window streamers, counter cards, and literature for mailing. For more information—

Circle No. 875 on coupon, pg. 76

Libbey - Owens - Ford Glass Co., 608 Madison Ave., Toledo 3, Ohio, has available for dealers a catalog show-

ing a complete range of sales aids. These include envelope stuffers and self-mailers, ad mats and radio commercials, product literature, window streamers and counter cards. For more information—

Circle No. 876 on coupon, pg. 76

The Weber Lifelike Fly Co., Stevens Point, Wis., offers a new threetier revolving rack which is said to occupy less than one square foot of counter space and is 33½ inches high. Over 200 standard Weber assortments of lures and other tackle items on wide or narrow panels will fit this unit. In addition to the three-tier unit, individual units are also available. A free Revolving Rack is offered for spools of "Tynex" spinning line and a number of display boards, boxes and racks are available. For more information—

Circle No. 877 on coupon, pg. 76

Revere Copper and Brass, Inc., Box 111, Rome, N. Y., has a wide assortment of dealer sales aids available for use in promoting Revere Ware tensils. These include a large Revere Ware trade mark plaque, envelope stuffers, advertising mat service and cooperative newspaper advertising program. They also have a new electric flasher display unit available at a modest cost. For more information—

Circle No. 878 on coupon, pg. 76



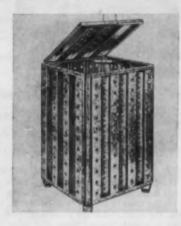




For more information on these new products use the return free post card on page 76

Square Trash Burner

A square trash burner is now being manufactured by Geuder, Paeschke & Frey Co., Milwaukee, Wis. Called the Cream City Square Trash Burner, its big square opening is designed for handling and burning whole cardboard cartons.



The Cream City Square Trash Burner has a 52-gallon (5½-bushel) capacity. It is made of heavy gauge galvanized steel and is said to be strongly reinforced and corrugated. The U-shaped legs have flat bottoms to prevent the burner from sinking into the ground, and the bottom is removable for easier cleaning. Ventilation is provided through 453 perforated draft holes. Burning is fast and complete, with very little smoke and no flying ashes, the manufacturers state. For more information—

Circle No. 221 on coupon, pg. 76

Aluminum Grass-Stop

A new rust-proof aluminum grassstop is introduced by Nichols Wire & Aluminum Co., Davenport, Iowa.

The Nichols grass-stop, which comes in 40-foot continuous rolls, is buried in the ground at the edges of a lawn with its top flush with the sur-



face. The part below the ground is said to halt permanently the spreading of grass roots.

Grass barrier made of aluminum cannot rust, is easier to form into curved shapes, and is harmless to lawn mower blades should the edge of the grass-stop be exposed accidentally above ground surface, the manufacturers state. No jointing or clip-attaching is required for the new type of barrier. For more information—

Circle No. 222 on coupon, pg. 76

Dial Calibrated Level

A dial calibrated Devil Level which operates on a semi-floating needle principle and is calibrated in degrees to measure degrees off level or plumb is announced by the Pickett Products, 1111 South Fremont Ave., Alhambra, Calif.



The level measures verticals, horizontals, all angles, slopes and pitches and may be mounted and used as a precision surveying instrument. The reverse side measures inch rise per foot. It is guaranteed shock-proof, the manufacturers state, and accuracy is not affected to minus 60 degrees F.

Packed six in a counter display box, the level lists for \$2.00 each. Free literature is available. For more information—

Circle No. 223 on coupon, pg. 78

Patio Tray

Pretty Products, Inc., Rubberware Park, Coshocton, Ohio, introduces a new indoors-outdoors Patio Tray. The tray is an all-rubber construction with wrought-iron legs, and is designed for use as a planter, a work basket, beverage cooler, or for snacks.



It will not rust, color fade, or lose its shape, according to the manufacturers.

The tray is available in the following colors: red, yellow, white, pink, turquoise, or light green. Individually cartoned with a weight of 6½ pounds, the tray carries a suggested retail price of \$4.95. For more information—

Circle No. 224 on coupon, pg. 76



The Stanley Profitool kit contains plans for building this 16-foot wall display. The cost of the unit will be approximately \$25 per lineal foot

Stanley Works Develops New Hand Tool Merchandising Plan

A merchandising program designed to help the nation's independent hardware retailer organize and maintain a complete hand tool department has been developed by The Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.

Named "Profitool," the new program furnishes dealers with a basic stock list of tools. In addition, the dealer receives a blueprint for a modern tool department fixture, price tickets, gummed stickers for price changes, a stock control plan and a merchandising manual. By following this manual, "How to Install Profitool in Your Own Store," any dealer can set up the entire program himself. In several stores in which the tool sales program has been field tested, it has helped double tool sales.

Display Important

In describing the new plan, C. Kenneth Freedell. general sales manager, explained that studies indicated that one reason for the decline in hardware store sales of hand tools is that the "mass distributors" have done a more effective job of displaying and keeping in stock the tools most frequently wanted by customers.

Since few independent dealers have the mass of detailed merchandising information available to the chains the Profitool program is designed to take up that slack by providing dealers with the same type of effective merchandising information available to the chains. The program was worked out by the company's Commercial Research Department along with Cosgove & Associates, hardware distribution consultants.

The heart of the program is the basic stock guide, listing 531 tools. It tells the dealer what tools should be considered, then makes it possible for him to decide what tools are best suited to his store. The guide lists about 25 percent of the different kinds and sizes of hand tools which generally represent 80 percent of a store's hand tool volume.

The importance of the stock list became apparent in the company's research. Stanley found that a typical dealer does not stock 36 percent of the basic items most wanted; he stocks 170 non-basic, slow-moving items, and he fails to have on display 27 percent of the basic items most wanted.

The program includes for the dealer detailed construction plans for building a modern fixture, and instructions are supplied for the dealer who wishes to adapt or modify an older unit. Tissue overlays for easy layout of back panels and bins are provided.

The merchandise manual takes up the stocking and displaying of the fixture and tells how to dispose of surplus and obsolete merchandise.

The basic stock list covers all hand tools and is not limited to Stanley products. In fact less than half the tools included in the basic stock list are manufactured by Stanley.

Profitool kits will be available from wholesalers.

Circle No. 225 on coupon, pg. 76

Float Bin

A new 5-Way Fishing Float product is introduced by Ideal Fishing Float Co., Richmond, Va., and is contained in a new counter display designed by Hinde & Dauch, Sandusky, Ohio.

Printed in red and green on white board, the box emphasizes bin-style mass display of the floats. The lid of the box, die-cut to fold back and lock, forms a sturdy riser and rear support which tilts the box forward to give greater visibility to its contents. Copy space on the riser is used to illustrate the five ways the floats can be used. Dividers form interior cells, separating the floats by size, and permit space for price circles for each size float.



Top of the box is die-cut so that one float is displayed on a string, showing how the float is actually used for fishing, the manufacturers point out. The box is a self-shipper type. For more information—

Circle No. 226 on coupon, pg. 76

Fluorescent Fixtures

The Moe Light Division of Thomas Industries, Inc., Louisville, Ky., announces the availability of the new Trigger-Start Fluorescent Bathroom Brackets. The 14- and 15-watt Trigger-Start Fluorescent Bathroom Brackets are equipped with General Electric's new Trigger-Start Ballast.

Both the M-358 15-watt and the M-348 14-watt Trigger-Start Fluorescents have canopy switches, run on 60-cycle A.C. current, and can be wired to a wall switch if desired. The M-359 and M-349, which are respectively the same as the M-358 and the M-348, are equipped with a convenience outlet. All metal parts are triple chromium-plated. For more information—

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These mixers come in three color combinations with the color fused into the aluminum to eliminate chipping or peeling. One is in suede-tone gold alumilite; one has a burgundy body and cap and a silver cover; and the third has a gold cap, black cover and silver body.

The mixer, No. 2074KM, has a capacity of one quart and is priced at \$2.95. For more information—

Circle No. 228 on coupon, pg. 76

Nylon Braided Line

King Cotton 100 percent Nylon Braided Line is now available on 250foot boards through John H. Graham & Co., Inc., 105 Duane St., New York 8, N. Y. Line sizes available on this put-up are numbers 15, 19, 21 and 24.



Each board is colorfully labeled and cellophane wrapped, and the package is suitable for counter or bin display. For more information—

Circle No. 229 on coupon, pg. 78

Hanging Feeder

A new galvanized 20-pound hanging feeder for broilers and laying flocks with high or low pan has been added to the poultry line of the James Manufacturing Co., Fort Atkinson, Wis. In addition to handling mash, granular feeds, pellets, etc., it is used for medicinal and corrective dry rations.

A practical feature is that older feed is fed out first, and in addition,



the galvanized hopper protects feed from the sun's rays and from the air.

The new feeder is available with high or low pan. The feed-saving grille is standard equipment with the low pan, optional with the high pan. Both pans have a specially formed cone bottom for directing feed into eating area and to prevent bridging. Pan rims are rolled for extra sturdiness.

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Jon-E Warmers

A built-in wick at the side of the burner is a new feature added to the Jon-E Warmers this year by Aladdin Laboratories, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn. After properly filling the warmer with fluid, the wick is ignited and allowed to burn for about 30 seconds before the flame is blown out. The Jon-E will be heating perfectly, according to the manufacturers. For more information—

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The spring and summer sets featured include a baseball and bat; a softball and bat; a baseball, bat and glove; a glove and baseball; and two rubber "Plylon" basketball, goal and net sets. For more information-

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Plated Bolts and Nuts

A new line of plated bolts and nuts, ranging in size through 1/2 x 6,

is announced by the Lamson & Sessions Co., 1971 West 85th St., Cleveland, Ohio. The new line includes 91 items; all items are shipped to dealers with the nuts on.

Five basic assortments are available. The cut thread carriage bolt assortment includes 17 different items. One cut thread machine bolt assortment contains 14 sizes; another, 16 different sizes. A hexagon cap screw and finished hex nut assortment contains a total of 24 different items. Finally, a round and flat head stove bolt assortment is available with 20 different items.

In addition to the basic assortment, a retailer can select his own assortment to suit his individual needs.

Small quantity packaging is a feature of the new line, with bolts and nuts packaged as few as 10 to 15 per box. A Serve Yourself Bolt Tray is available which can be used to display as many as 33 different items. For more information-

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"More often than not the merchandise is inferior and the 'bargain price' is no bargain at all. But if the advertising come-ons are appealing enough, the bargain hunters will flock in and the carload of goods will sell. As far as I can tell, garbage cans are about the only item offered that the customers aren't taking a chance on.

"Occasionally one of our regular customers will ask about the 'bargains.' We suggest that if he is sufficiently interested, go down and have a look and if he feels he can buy with confidence, he should go ahead. But he doesn't.

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FACTS AND TRENDS

► Peanut Acreage

Peanut acreage is expected to be about 4% below last year's 2 million acres. Slightly more Virginia-type peanuts are expected than last year as result of a recently announced allotment increase. Decreases in Southeastern and Southwestern areas more than offset the Virginia-Carolina gain.

► Prices Received

Average prices of farm products have remained steady so far this year at levels a little above December. Cash receipts from marketings in January and February totaled about 5% below the same period of 1955.

► Acreage Reduction

Farmers' planting intentions in the first quarter pointed to a moderate reduction in total crop acreage in 1956. For the 59 principal crops estimated, the indicated acreage for the year totals 352 million, down 3 million from 1955 and 5.5 million less than the 10-year average.

► Factory Shipments

Shipments of farm machinery, equipment and tractors in January were 7% above December and 10% more than in January 1955. The value of shipments was slightly less than in January a year ago.

► Tobacco Crop

The record 1955 crop of flue-cured tobacco brought an average price of 52.8 cents per pound, about the same as in 1954 and 1953. Exports of unmanufactured tobacco in the year ending June 30, 1956 are expected to be the largest in recent years.

► Farm Income

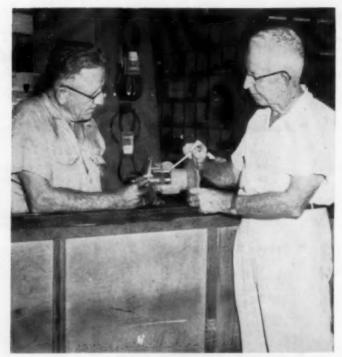
Farmers' cash receipts from marketings for the first 2 months of 1956 are estimated at \$4.1 billion, 5% less than in the corresponding period of 1955. The decline is due to lower average prices.

► Cotton

Cotton prices probably will ease downward in future months. High supports in the U. S. have encouraged more production abroad. The result is that American surplus may go abegging. Being sought is a government surplus sales program which will price cotton so low that expanded production in foreign countries will not be attractive.

Dealers win new customers by

Solving Maintenance Problems



W. H. Beasley, left, and Joe Beasley inspect cutaway model of new bearing for bedder-cultivator they helped design. Success of bearing helped reduce maintenance cost for customers

JOE AND W. H. Beasley of Beasley Tractor Co., Palatka, Florida, promote steady sales by evaluating and helping to solve pressing equipment problems faced by their customers.

Joe Beasley is president and W. H. Beasley is secretary-treasurer of one of Palatka's oldest farm equipment dealerships, "We received our franchise in 1934," Joe said, "and every day since then, we've built an increasing volume of busi-

ness by being sympathetic to the needs and problems of the farmers in our trading area, and by bending over backwards to be absolutely fair and honest in every transaction.

"Our area covers three Florida counties—Putnam, where Palatka is located; Flagler, and St. Johns counties. There are over 1,000 farmers in that area who till between 25 and 30,000 acres. Their major crops are potatoes and cab-

bage, though some corn is also grown. Off-season cultivation is usually for cover crops which restore nitrogen and other elements to the soil.

"Florida, like many of the other southern states, is showing signs of the boom. There is more land being cleared for cultivation than at any other time in the history of our trading area," Beasley pointed out. "There are many new farm families in the area. They need farm equipment and the many other items needed to farm successfully. Many of those folks are coming to us to trade because they know we are seriously interested in their being successful farmers and that they will be treated with fairness.

According to Beasley, being fair and honest is self-explanatory. It means giving your customers the fullest measure of quality service for their money. It means treating them like they were members of your own family—listening attentively to their problems, encouraging them to try new methods and procedures that will increase their production and their incomes; helping them whenever the opportunities present themselves.

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New bearing may be removed by loosening one bolt and dropping gang out. Bearings may be replaced at nominal cost with labor charges at minimum

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They Cultivate The Real Prospects

ONTINUOUS, personal contact Cwith all customers and prospects has been the most effective method of building sales for Light and Decker, Inc., farm equipment dealers in Cumberland, Maryland.

"We never were much for knocking on doors or putting on individual demonstrations," Richard E. Light, president of the company, said. "But we do believe that relentless pursuit of genuine leads is a sure road to sales."

Light and Ross O. Decker, secretary-treasurer of the organization. make selling a personal thing, and it has paid off.

personal call, arrange a demonstration, and never let go until he brings us our next sale. But only

"Once we know that a prospect is seriously interested in a new tractor or piece of farm machinery, we follow up by telephone call,

experience can help you determine

Same personal attention is given to repair work. Here Ross O. Decker, left, confers with me-chanic about repairs he has been discussing with customer

whether a customer is a genuine prospect - or 'just around'!"

Field demonstrations develop leads, as does the simple practice of talking to neighbors. By keeping their ears to the ground Light and Decker also search out many leads. Knowing every farmer in their area, stopping to talk with All customers receive the personal attention of the awners of this company. Here, Richard E. Light, president, points out features of a tractor to farmer

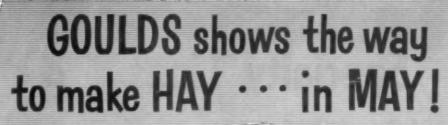
them about equipment whenever they meet in a shop or on the street, making contacts personally both in the store and on the farm, Light and Decker have only one formula for turning leads into sales: know your customer, know your territory, know your product.

Field demonstrations are held twice a year to which 65 persons are invited. Neighboring farmers are personally contacted once or twice before the event. Approximately 15 persons turn out for these demonstrations and Light and Decker make every effort to determine which of the visitors are good prospects.

"There is a very good reason why either my partner or myself make all personal contacts and all personal deals with a customer," Light said, indicating that they demonstrated and sold all machinery personally. "We both know our farm machinery thoroughly and can tell a customer on the spot what we can offer him on his old tractor or farm implement. We're the last word with the farmer. We do not have to place a tentative price on a trade-in and check with the boss to see whether we exceeded its value. Also, when we make all deals personally, our customers feel that we take personal interest and responsibility (Continued on page 117)



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Specialty Lines bring \$200,000 annually

By Ruel McDaniel

DESPITE FLUCTUATING volume and profits from sales of major farm machinery, the net profit picture during the past 10 years has been a pleasant one for Farmers Supply Co., Lubbock, Texas. Owner Kenneth Cox gives full credit for this happy situation to the fact that the company has diversified the lines handled.

Two sources of sales that have contributed more than one-third of the company's volume and considerably more than one-third of the net profits are farmers with irrigating systems, and the ginning industries. In all, sales to these sources amount to about \$200,000 annually and come mainly from two specialized lines developed in recent years as a means of overcoming short profits on major farm machinery resulting from price-cutting in the area.

The two lines of equipment that bring in most of the \$200,000 volume are engines for irrigation pumps and cotton gins, and carburetors for converting these engines to the use of butane and natural gas. The company handles one line of carburetors for these conversions, and two lines of engines.

"Competition for major farm machinery business has been extremely keen in this area for the past three or four years," Cox points out, "and it shows no signs of improving. As a consequence, it was a matter of cutting pricesand profits-to get the business, or face a drastic cut in volume. We have never seen any point in selling anything without making a profit, since we operate basically on a profit rather than a volume quota. As a result, we felt that we must find auxiliary lines that would fit into the general farm equipment picture and which did carry a fair profit in order to make



Kenneth Cox, owner of the company, left, talks to farmer about probable power requirements of his irrigation system. Sales of power units such as that shown above have brought company important added profits

up for the profit we were losing on major farm machinery.

"We still consider major farm machinery the basis of our business, and we continue to sell it. But we still insist that we are going to make a profit on whatever we sell, and as competition drives down the profit margin, we let up on our efforts to sell in such a market and concentrate more on specialty lines that do carry a normal profit."

For several years after Cox established his Farmers' Supply in 1935, volume was almost 100 percent from major farm machinery. Currently only one-third of the upwards of \$500,000 annual business

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Company's operations are housed in these three quanset-type buildings.

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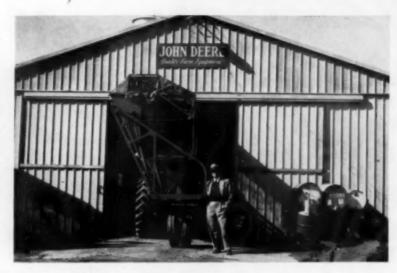
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of pipe, fittings and clamps they need.

The company stores its cotton pickers in a special warehouse, right, about two blocks from the main store and service shop. In addition the company maintains a special display lot for the machines. Though farmers make a preliminary inspection of the machines here, the sale is seldom closed until the customer operates one on his own farm



Demonstrations Doubled

Cotton Picker Sales

By S. W. Ellis



"Hi" Cross, company manager, discusses machine with prospect who later will receive a day-long demonstration on his own land

Through a program of carefullyconducted demonstrations, the Portis Implement Co., Lepanto, Arkansas, has doubled its sales of mechanical cotton pickers.

Manager W. H. (Hi) Cross emphasizes that the machine used as a demonstrator is the key to the

"The mechanical cotton picker is still new and not completely entrenched in the confidence of the farmer who has never used it. When we start the demonstration, we have to start answering questions. It takes a lot of proof to make the farmer believe that machinery beats a crew of skilled, human pickers. And even after we've convinced him that mechanical picking offers him more profits, he still believes that we've carefully selected the machine that we used for the demonstration."

This, of course, is not true. All of the equipment that Manager Cross sells is in first-class condition, set up and tested by the best mechanics available. However, he does send his best mechanic to demonstrate each machine.

"Demonstration sells all of our cotton pickers. No one comes in here and says, 'I want to buy a cotton picker.' Selling mechanical pickers won't be that easy for some time to come. We sell them by getting the farmer to consent to a demonstration on the farm. Then the machine is taken out by Charles Porter, one of our most skilled men, who is an expert in the operation of the cotton picker."

Cross insists that the mechanical cotton picker can be likened to a human picker. It can be temperamental. It responds best to a driver who knows and understands that individual machine.

"We recommend that one driver operate the machine, and that the same driver use that machine all the time. If a second cotton picker is bought for the farm, we urge that another driver be trained to operate it."

When Porter takes out a machine for demonstration, he remains a full day with the farmer. After the first complete demonstration and instruction session, he urges the farmer to operate the machine himself. Porter stands by to make sure that the farmer understands the operation, and that he gets accustomed to manipulating the picker. After the machine is once properly set, it goes on without trouble, especially if the same driver takes it every time.

The mechanical picker is left



Long, low flat belt moves material rapidly and safely. Retractable wheels, draft control and inspection port add up to easier, faster storage. Wheel leveler evens the flow of material through a big, 338-square inch

Hopper-type feed is a perfect mate for unloading New Holland's Forage Wagon with the cross conveyor feed attachment.

New Holland's new line of Forage Blowers has a top-capacity model for any crop. Corn, sorghum or grass silage—chopped hay, straw or grain. It makes no difference. A New Holland saves time and work in all.

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fan blades are the secret of this fast, versatile blower. Blades are specially curved to guide material away from fan center.

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New Holland Machine Co., a subsidiary of Sperry Rand Corp., New Holland, Pa.



NEW HOLLAND

"First in Grassland Farming"



At left, Charles Porter, company service expert, prepares to visit the farm of a customer who is trying out a mechanical picker. Shown below is the company's main sales and service building

with the farmer, to use the next day without supervision. On the third day, Porter calls on him again. By this time, the farmer is about ready to buy. Porter checks with him, to make sure that the machine is running smoothly. Soon Manager Cross or a salesman appears on the scene, and the farmer is often brought to the office to close the sale.

Cross likes to back the performance of the mechanical picker with proof. In some of his demonstrations, he sets the mechanical picker in operation with Mexican field hands. Using a one-row picker, he picks every other row, alternate rows being picked by the Mexicans.

"That demonstration shows the farmer that he can pick a bale with the mechanical picker at an over-all cost of \$2.09. The Mexican labor costs him \$45.00 a bale."

Farmers still believe that hand labor picks cleaner cotton. Cross proves that this is not true—proves it by showing that this season cotton picked mechanically brought a cent-and-a-half more than that picked by Mexican labor.

Keeps in Touch

Cross keeps closely in touch with his farmer users. They become his best salesmen, he insists. Sometimes a prospect is taken to a farm to watch a cotton picker at work.

Prospects are also urged to go to the cotton office and ask buyers about the grade of mechanically picked cotton.

"Prospects have to be convinced," Cross said. "We like to



refer them to a typical user—a last year's customer who picked 100 bales of cotton with his new picker, and saved enough to more than pay for the machine that will last 15 years when backed by our maintenance and repair service."

When a cotton picker is sold, Porter checks with the farmer once a week. Sometimes a small adjustment has to be made on the equipment, or the user needs a little additional coaching in its use.

"We still have prejudice against the cotton picker to break down," Manager Cross admitted. "A lot of farmers simply can't believe in the performance of steel against human fingers. It takes constant salesmanship and demonstration to break down this prejudice."

The end of the cotton harvesting season is a good time to get in the first wedge of favor for the mechanical picker, he believes. When the last truckful of Mexican laborers rolls away South, the average farmer wipes his brow and heaves a sigh of relief. That labor came high.

"We doubled our sales on mechanical cotton pickers in 1955," Cross said. "This year we'll try to do better. We have worked at it all winter—getting in sales arguments."

Service Volume

Winter also is the time when the repair shop tries to induce farmers to have their mechanical cotton pickers, together with other equipment, overhauled and repaired. The farmer will not do this unless urged. He waits almost until he needs the machinery before having it overhauled, unless he responds to his dealer's urge to "do it now."

Manager Cross is enthusiastic (Continued on page 120)



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International Harvester Introduces New Two-Row Cotton Pickers

PRODUCTION of two new two-row mechanical cotton pickers is announced by International Harvester Co., Chicago, Ill. Both new two-row pickers are self-propelled and readily adapted for work on farms or ranches of medium to big acreage operations.

The McCormick No. 220 picker (shown) is equipped with highdrums, for use in tall, heavy rankgrowing and higher yielding cotton. The other new model is the McCormick No. 214 equipped with low drums for use in short to medium height plants. Both models are identical except for the height of the picking units. The machines have short wheel bases and a turning radius of about 10 feet. Picking units can be adjusted for rows 38 to 40 inches wide, and the operator sits over the left row where he has a full-vision view of both rows and the ground ahead.

The new McCormick cotton pickers are powered by 68 h.p. International Harvester Silver Diamond engines with power to handle the two-row machines. The pickers are equipped with a three-speed transmission to provide two speeds for picking and one for transport on the road. The field speed of two m.p.h. is used generally the first time through heavy cotton. The second field speed of 2.8 m.p.h. is used for scrapping or when picking lighter yields. Transport speed is 13 m.p.h.

Picking drums on the new pickers have the same basic design as those on the single-row McCormick pickers already in use. They are equipped with new Dof-Flex bonded doffers and the International Harvester broached spindles 20 spindles to the bar on the high drums, and 14 to the bar on the low-drum models. A total of four rotors pick cotton from both sides of the rows. Drums are individually hydraulic controlled and can be raised or lowered, independently of the others, to permit continual adjustment of the machine to variation in the two rows being picked.

Rotors in Tandem

International Harvester points out that the picker rotors are in tandem, with the result that first one side of the row is picked and then the other, enabling the operator to get more open bolls the first time through.

Picker drums, spindles, and bars are protected by an IH protective device called Protec-O-Matic, that stops the rotors from turning in case a rock, stick, or other foreign matter starts through the picker. Lubrication of drums and their working parts is by means of a flush-type once-a-day system. The baskets on the new machines hold 1,600 pounds of lint cotton, ample capacity for a full bale to the dump, according to the company.

The two new two-row cotton pickers supplement the company's 4M-120, the 34HM-114, and the 2C-14 tractor mounted single-row picker models already in use.

Ford Appoints Guthrie Regional Sales Head

H. Dorsey Guthrie has been appointed regional sales manager, southeastern region of Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, Mich., E. H. Woods, general sales manager, announces. He succeeds R. E. Holsaple, whose appointment to another region will be announced soon.



H. Dorsey Guthrie

In this capacity Guthrie will plan and direct the sale of Ford tractors and farm implements through distributors and dealers in the 10-state area of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and in Cuba. His headquarters are in Atlanta, Ga., according to K. F. Morlen, assistant general sales manager—field operations.

Guthrie has been divisional sales manager of Ralston Purina Co. with headquarters in Nashville. Tenn. He joined that company in 1939 and was successively retail salesman, district sales manager, and regional manager of dairy chow and farm supply sales. Prior to that time, he was a salesman with Devoe and Reynolds Paint Co. in Atlanta.

Born in Lawrenceville, Ga., and educated at Monroe Agricultural and Mechanical High School and the University of Georgia, Guthrie is well known in agricultural circles throughout the South.

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Ford Announces Two-Row Mounted Corn Harvester

A NEW two-row mounted corn harvester, especially designed to reduce corn harvesting losses, is announced by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, Mich.

The new Ford corn harvester, which can be mounted on all Ford tricycle tractors, is designed for use in those areas where it is desirable to leave the husks on the ears, according to E. H. Woods, general sales manager. Among the special features which accomplish this purpose are a new snapping roll principle and a special quartz-coated snapping roll insert.

"The quartz-coated snapping roll insert gives aggressive snapping roll action to handle most harvesting needs," Woods said, "and can be replaced with a rubber insert for use under special crop conditions."

Woods pointed out that the snapping rolls are positioned so that the upper end of one roll is almost directly over the other. "This means the corn is snapped to the side and the ears drop directly onto the corn elevator, resulting in less husking and shelling."

Special "corn saver" pans are located directly beneath the snapping rolls, where any corn that might be shelled by even a brief contact with the rolls is caught and carried to the wagon, instead of falling to the ground, Woods noted.

"This combination of special features results in a reduction of ear and shelled corn loss of as much as 50 percent," Woods said.

The new two-row mounted corn harvester brings to six the number of corn harvesters and corn pickers offered by Ford tractor and implement dealers. The Ford line also includes one- and two-row mounted pickers, a one-row mounted harvester, and one-row pull-type picker and harvester.

Cobey Corp. Re-Designs Hydra-Flex Disc Harrow

COBEY CORP., Galion, Ohio, announces design advancements in its Hydra-Flex Disc Harrow which is an hydraulically-operated, trailing, lift-type.

Bearing journals have been increased in diameter, giving 50 percent more bearing surface. Also, the increased size of bell coning on bearings, coming in contact with disc blades now gives greater blade

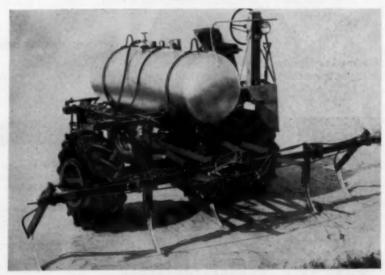
support, according to the manufacturers. In addition Bearing Hanger Plates of the Cobey Hydra-Flex Disc have been re-designed to give three times the supporting cross section. The new bearing hangers are made of solid steel plates—nine inches in width and % inches in thickness. Each disc gang carries three bearings and is supported by three of the newer, heavier bearing hangers. Spacer spools, company officers point out,



now are made of heavy welded steel tubing which eliminates breakage usually encountered with cast iron spacers.

The hydraulic operating cylinder of the Hydra-Flex is changed to top mounted to make hook up of hydraulic lines easier and to avoid "dirt-catching" when the Hydra-Flex is taking its deepest cuts. The finger tip angling of both front and rear gangs, independently, for fineness of cut and auxiliary depth control has been retained to the fullest, according to the manufacturers.

Blue Applicator with MM Uni-Tractor



Designed for use with the Minneapolis-Moline Uni-Tractor is the John Blue Anhydrous Ammonia Applicator. It is shown here complete with 250 gallon tank, pump, 14-foot tool bar and five rigid applicators

Massey-Harris Appoints Sales Promotion Manager

The appointment of Dean M. Carpenter as advertising and sales promotion manager, Massey-Harris Division, Massey-Harris-Ferguson, Inc., Racine, Wis., is announced by L. M. Sweeney, vice-president in charge of sales.



Dean M. Carpenter

Carpenter formerly handled the Massey-Harris account as a member of the staff of Klau-Van Pietersom-Dunlap, a Milwaukee advertising agency. Prior to that, he had been assistant advertising manager for Massey-Harris for a number of years. Carpenter succeeds Frank R, Bloom who resigned to enter his own advertising and publishing business.

McCormick Plow Features New Spring Breakaway

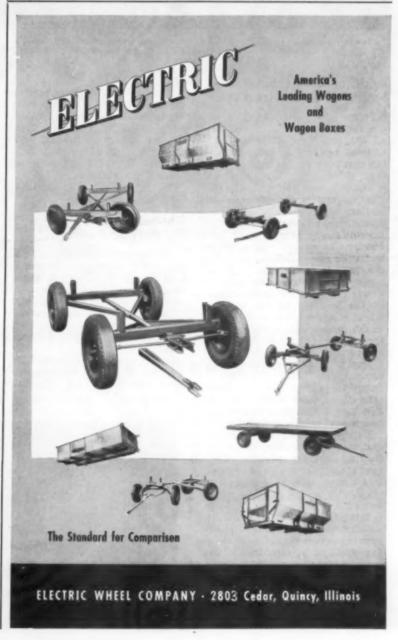
ROCKY and stumpy fields lose their sting when the McCormick plow is equipped with a new spring breakaway, according to the International Harvester Co., 180 North Michigan Ave., Chicago



1, Ill. This feature has been made available for Fast-Hitch moldboard plows used with Farmall 300 and 400 tractors because of their power and unyielding traction that can cause damage when one or more of the bottoms hook a rock or stump.

The breakaway device permits the rear of the plow to break loose from the front part, as shown in the accompanying photograph, when the bottoms encounter some immovable object. And it is easy to recouple, the manufacturers state. The owner backs the tractor after lining the coupling beam on the front of the plow with the large mouth of the catch on the rear part. The gauge wheel on breakaway plows can be mounted on the forward position to provide three-point support that holds the plow in position for easy recoupling after it has broken away

A spring used with the device can be reversed to change the amount of impact required before the plow will breakaway. This is to permit proper protection in a variety of field conditions, yet avoids unnecessary breaking away.





Power steering on the McCormick Farmall 400 tractor equipped with fourrow cultivator is a real help at the ends of the rows

Additional IH Tractors Feature Power Steering

POWER steering is available for the McCormick Farmall 300, Farmall 400, and the Hi-Clear versions of these tractors, according to the International Harvester Co., Chicago.

The principal part of the power steering attachment for Farmall tractors consists of a hydraulic power booster installed on the steering shaft under the hood. This booster, in reality, is a small hydraulic motor that operates the steering mechanism, the manufacturers state. The motor gets its power from the hydraulic system of the tractor. As the steering wheel is turned, valves divert oil to the proper side of the gears in the booster, causing it to function and turn the front wheels.

Hydraulic power for the booster comes from the Hydra-Touch pump through a new regulator, safety and flow valve assembly that diverts hydraulic fluid to the power steering mechanism. By taking its power from the hydraulic system of the tractor, the power steering device is operative whenever the tractor engine is running. In all cases, manual steering is in standby reserve in case it is needed.

International Harvester points out that the new hydraulic power steering device cuts manual steering effort. It lightens the driver's work, particularly when the tractor is equipped with heavy frontmounted machinery. Power steering also is a big help to the operator when driving the tractor at slow speed or maneuvering in

tight quarters.

Hydraulic power steering has been available for the McCormick Super WD-9, Super WDR-9, WR-9S, and the International W-400. A new and revolutionary-type power steering soon will be made available for the International 300 Utility, the manufacturers state.

Uni-Balor Joins MM Uni-Farmor Family

A NEW HAY baler, the self-propelled MM Uni-Balor, is announced by Minneapolis-Moline Co., Minneapolis, Minn. Refinements of design for straight-through, high-capacity, twine-tying operation make it possible to bale up to seven tons per hour, the company states

Latest member in the MM Uni-Farmor group of self-propelled farm machines, the Uni-Balor brings to six the MM machines which can be mounted interchangeably on the Uni-Tractor. The Uni-Tractor, basic unit in the Uni-Farmor family, mounts and powers the Uni-Balor.

The Uni-Balor itself has overall width of five feet; is 12-feet, 8-inches long unmounted, and 15-feet, 8-inches when mounted; 5-feet, 4-inches in height; and weighs 2290 pounds.

Among the greatest engineering advances in the Uni-Balor, according to the company, are the straight-through design; stainless steel knotting jaws and bills; exclusive MM tension control of twine; internal auger greaseless bearings; and elimination of numerous parts made unnecessary by the new compact design. The unique MM plunger travels in a short arc, dropping below the packing chamber to allow the hay to move in unimpeded flow from pick-up to bale, and then rising to pack the sliced hay.

Square-cornered bales, 14 x 18 inches are said to be firmly packed by the uniform feeding over the full area of the bale chamber.

The five-bar pick-up drum is four feet wide, and of large diameter (16 inches) to prevent picking foreign material. Located immediately in front of the axle, the pick-up head follows ground contours closely. Guide wheels and a counter-balance spring allow the head to "float" on uneven ground.

The straight-through design of the new Uni-Balor affords a clean, direct flow of material for baling without excess movement that would shatter nourishment-loaded leaves of hay crops, according to the manufacturers.

The MM Uni-Balor was to be available in April.



SOUTHERN FARM EQUIPMENT Section for MAY, 1956



"They're Setting New Corn Harvest Records in Our Neighborhood..."

No one who has seen this new combination in action would quarrel with our dealer-friend's statement. You see, he's talking about the famous John Deere 45 Combine equipped with the new No. 10 Two-Row Corn Attachment, a team that is revolutionizing corn harvesting wherever that crop grows.

Actually, though, if we were to make any comment about our dealer-friend's remark, we would say he's being a bit modest. He fails to mention the big part he plays daily in helping farmers in his community increase farm profits through lower operating costs. For, whether the problem is one of tillage, of planting, or of harvesting, the John Deere dealer can assist the farmer in choosing just the right piece of Quality Farm Equipment for the job.

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New Ford 79 Farm Loader Features Step-On Design

A NEW "STEP-ON" farm loader designed to mount in less than two minutes on any Ford tricycle tractor is announced by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, Mich.

In addition to ease of attaching and detaching, and operator convenience, the new Ford 79 standard loader features 1,000-pound load capacity, quick lifting, compact design and extremely rigid frame construction, according to M. D. Hill, assistant general manager of the Tractor and Implement Division.

Step-on Design

An important convenience feature is the step-on design. The vertical frame members supporting the loader arms are more than 14 inches ahead of the rear fenders, providing ample room for the operator to step directly on or off the tractor.

Hill pointed out that the new loader can be used to load manure, sand, gravel, fertilizer, cinders, coal, snow, silage, small grain, and similar materials about the farm. With the standard crane attachment, it can be used to move rolls of fencing, barrels, posts and machinery, and with the dozer blade, it can handle such jobs as leveling and grading, back filling, plowing snow and clearing.

The Ford 79 standard loader, with an overall height of only five feet, eight inches, and overall length of only 14 feet, six inches, is usable in low clearance areas and works successfully in cleaning out

barns, getting in and out of low doors, and working in many other "tight" spots, the manufacturers point out.

No chain falls or hoists are needed to attach or detach the Ford 79 standard loader. One man can attach or detach the loader to any Ford tricycle tractor in less than two minutes. Adjustable legtype mounting and dismounting stands are built into the loader frame as standard equipment and

automatically support it in the correct attaching position. In addition, quick disconnect self-sealing couplers make it possible to connect or disconnect the hydraulic hoses in seconds without losing oil.

Loader operation is controlled by the operator from the tractor seat with the Ford tractor hydraulic system. The loader connects to the tractor's built-in hydraulic system, using fittings which come as standard equipment.

Equipment for use with the Ford 79 standard loader currently includes a manure fork, manure fork plate, and material bucket. A universal dozer blade, light materials bucket and crane attachment will be available in the near future.

Specifications of the Ford 79 standard loader: total weight, 610 pounds; height of tractor and loader, 68 inches; length of tractor and loader, 14 feet, 6 inches; width of tractor and loader, over-all tractor width; overall height of lift, 10 feet, 6 inches; lifting capacity, 1,000 pounds; break-away lift force, 2,400 pounds; rate of lift (full load to top at 2200 RPM), 6 seconds; points of attachment, one front, two rear.

E. H. Woods Joins Ford as General Sales Head

APPOINTMENT of Edgar H. Woods as general sales manager of the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, Mich., is announced by Irving A. Duffy, vice-president and general manager. Woods fills the vacancy left by the reassignment of O. L. Wigton to a central staff sales position.



Edgar H. Woods

Prior to joining Ford, Woods was vice-president and general manager of the John Deere Plow Co., Baltimore, Md. He had been associated with Deere & Co. since August 1950, serving in various capacities including manager of its Washington, D. C., office and territory manager in Atlanta, Ga. In March 1953, he was named division sales manager of the John Deere Plow Co. of Atlanta. In July 1954, he became vice-president and general manager of the John Deere Plow Co. of Baltimore.

Woods was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1935, after which he owned and operated a 2,600-acre cotton and grain farm in Mississippi. He served in the Navy from 1942 until 1946. From 1946 until 1948, Woods held several positions, including that of Chief of Field Disposal, with the War Assets Administration in Atlanta, followed by two years in Washington as administrator of the Munitions Board Standards Agency.

He is a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

They Cultivate The Real Prospects

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for the operation of a new tractor. When we drop back to learn personally how things are working out, our customer has the reassurance that we are backing up our sales personally."

Procedure

When a talk with a prospect has determined that the prospect is a serious one, Light or his partner first suggests a visit to the company lot to view new and used tractors. Used tractors have been reconditioned, cleaned and painted. Going over the features from the standpoint of economy and performance, Light personally demonstrates the tractor to the prospect on the lot, and invites him to operate the machine.

If the prospect does not visit the store, one of these partners calls at the customer's farm and talks about the trade-in value of his machine as he goes over it.

He keeps this visit brief. He mentions a few of the features of a new tractor, but does not over-stay his time nor impose on the customer. He leaves a piece of literature and is off. The personal visit and brief talk give the customer, he feels, something to think about.

Within a week or two he will call the customer by telephone.

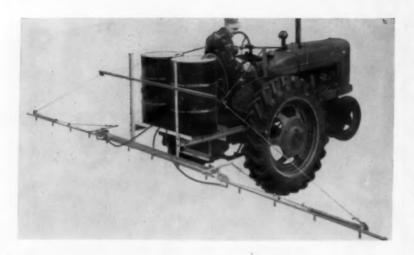
"Once we have a serious prospect, we follow him up conscientiously, and keep at it until we win him. But we try not to overwhelm him to the point of annoyance," Light explained.

Parts Inventory

These dealers impress on the customer their large parts inventory and their dependable service.

'We offer to take a tractor or farm machine out to a customer's place for demonstration only where we are sure we have a serious prospect who will profit from a first-hand demonstration. Once we have sold the tractor to him, we will spend as much time as necessary to acquaint him with its operation and until he can operate it smoothly," Light said, indicating that individual demonstrations were costly in transportation, wear and tear on the machinery, and that profitable results too uncertain.





Versatility Featured in John Bean Sprayers

OPERATIONAL versatility is a major feature of the new complete line of tractor or trailer-mounted John Bean sprayers manufactured by the John Bean Division, Food Machinery and Chemical Corp., Lansing 4, Mich. Adaptability is made possible through a wide selection of component parts: three types of pumps, three barrel mounts, and matching cut-off valves and hose sets. The various combinations possible with these matching units permit the user to make up a rig suited to his particular requirements, at any time, and to meet various spraying needs.

Pump kits available are: the No. 301 Hypro, the No. 302 Spartan, and the No. 303 Royalette. The Hypro is a permanently lubricated ball-bearing pump equipped with nylon rollers, retained in slots of a Ni-resist rust and corrosion proof rotor. It is said to deliver nine gallons of spray per minute at 100pound pressure. The Spartan is a two-cylinder, plunger-type, highpressure pump with ball-bearing crankshaft, self-expanding plunger cups, and disk-type valves. It delivers three gallons per minute at 300-pound pressure, according to the manufacturers. The Royalette is a completely enclosed, oil-bathlubricated pump of the twocylinder plunger type. It features Sapphite cylinders designed to last a lifetime, even with continuous use of concentrates. It is said to deliver seven gallons per minute at 400-pound pressure. Illustrated is the Model 325-R John Bean tractor-mounted sprayer equipped with a Royalette pump.

The three barrel-mount kits, designed for quick attachment, include the rear-mounted No. 304 standard for tractors with stationary hitch, the No. 305 for tractors with three-point hydraulic lift, and the No. 306 Hi-Clearance mounting that allows the user to cultivate as he sprays. All kits include necessary hooks, bolts, and chains for mounting.

The trailer-mounted sprayers can be used with two 55-gallon drums or a factory-equipped 150-gallon steel tank. A 160-gallon aluminum tank is available for use with liquid fertilizers. Wheel treads on the trailer are adjustable from 72 to 84 inches. Wheels take standard 15-inch tires.

In all, there are 12 completely different models in the line to meet all farming requirements. Pump kits are complete with coupling for mounting directly on the tractor power take-off shaft. The Duoflex boom has 13 nozzles, spaced 20 inches apart. It will uniformly and thoroughly spray a 21-foot, 8-inch swath, the company states. The 4-way hinges allow wings to spring upon striking an obstacle. All controls mount handy to the tractor seat.

Complete information and specifications can be obtained directly from the manufacturer by requesting Catalog L-1147.

Century Circular Gives Sprayer Information

Answers to three questions will tell the dealer or the farmer just what type and size sprayer each purchaser should buy, according to a new circular issued by Century Engineering Corp., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The new circular explains these three questions and shows a dealer how he can quickly determine just what equipment to recommend to each prospect.

In addition, the circular shows Century's complete line of sprayers, including boom, power jet, hand gun and its new high-clearance self-propelled equipment.

The broadsides are available through leading implement distributors from coast to coast. Century offers also an imprinting and mailing program for dealers who wish to circularize farmers in their trade area.

New "Easy-Go" Feed Truck Added to Jamesway Line

A NEWLY designed Jamesway "Easy-Go" 12-bushel feed truck with an all-steel body and dual wheels has been added to the barn equipment line of the James Manufacturing Co., Fort Atkinson, Wis.

The galvanized steel truck rolls on five semi-pneumatic rubber tires from one 39-inch feed alley into another. A pivot caster wheel, interchangeable with the other wheels, turns the feed cart sharply for maneuvering around corners.



Each wheel has a maximum carrying capacity of 165 pounds, the manufacturers state, and the heavy duty tires provide nearly 10 inches of road surface contact for load distribution and easy moving.

The body is 24 inches high (without wheels), 23¾ inches wide and 59½ inches long. The flat bottom of the hopper is 30-3/16 inches long. The truck is built of 20-gauge Armco zinc-grip steel which resists the corrosive action of silage. The body is braced with 1″ x 1″ x 1/6″ angle framework, and joined with rust-proof aluminum rivets.

Metal hand grips are on the castor wheel end of the truck.

Solving Maintenance Problems Wins Sales

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"It's the little things you do for people that help build a good reputation," Beasley pointed out. "For example, not too long ago, we delivered a tractor to one of our customers and he paid us cash-\$1250.00 in small bills. When we brought the money in and counted it, we were surprised to find \$1300.00. That customer mighty grateful when we called on him and returned the \$50.00. It gave us a lot of pleasure, too. But what was more important, our customer made it a point to tell his friends about it whenever the subject of farm equipment came up and we received a concrete reward by having several new farmers open accounts with us.

Beasley feels that every dealer has a duty to do everything in his power to help the farmers in his area solve problems that cost them money. Working as a middle man between the manufacturer of farm equipment and the farmer, the dealer has many opportunities to note the problems facing his customers, to hear varied opinions regarding the solutions to these problems, and to pass these suggestions on to the manufacturer for research and testing. In many cases, the valuable publicity resulting from a dealer's efforts to help his customers has a tremendous impact upon his trading area resulting in plus business.

A case in point is a new, improved bearing for bedder-cultivators which these dealers helped develop.

Farmers using bedder-cultivators in the company's area have long known that an improved bearing was needed. Past experience showed that the old harrowtype bearings caused expensive overhauls right in the middle of the crop season. Some farmers could go a whole crop season without a single overhaul while others had as many as four expensive breakdowns a season. These usually cost between \$70.00 and \$90.00 each.

Though the operator is the major factor contributing to breakdowns, the structure of the oldtype bearing gave the operators plenty of maintenance work to do keeping them in top shape. Patterned after the harrow-type bearings, the old bearing's spacer washers needed frequent adjustments. Dust and dirt accumulated easily, prevented passage of grease to the wearing surfaces.

Earlier experiments to improve the bearing had been a failure. These units had the same weakness of other makes of similar design. Two entirely different designs were created. They failed. A sleeve-type bearing with felt seals also failed. Dirt worked into them and froze.

"Our company then built an anti-friction bearing, using a Timken-bearing and sent it down to us for try-outs," Beasley said.

"This unit had a Timken-bearing gang with shaft in two pieces and an adjusting column. The separate piece proved weak and pulled out of the adjusting column.

When we found it unsatisfactory, W. H. and I put our heads together." Joe Beasley continued. "We sketched a straight shaft to be mounted in a machine box and supported by two Timken-bearings. We protected this bearing from dirt by a double neophrine seal at both ends. The shaft of this bearing was drilled with a grease cup for introducing grease into a



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reservoir in the center of the machine box. When the reservoir was filled, there was a bleeding action outward under the neophrine seals which carried any dirt away. One shot of grease per day maintained enough pressure within the reservoir to keep dirt out.

The bearing development by the Beasley's and their company proved an outstanding success. One of the largest potato corporations in Beasley's area, after testing the new bearings wrote, "We farm 800 acres and average five times over in bedding and cultivating. We used a group of three bedder-cultivators in this work. Our particular disk gang assemblies did not require repair or adjustments other than disks worn out in fair wear and tear. Another make of disk gang assembly . . . required heavy use of grease and repairs. Replacements were cost-

This improved gang was introduced to the trade in the fall of 1954. As soon as folks saw what the bearing could do, demand far exceeded supply.

"These bearings can be replaced at the low cost of \$3.40 each; the seals for only \$3.50 each. That's about all the expense because labor charges are at a minimum. To remove the bearing, you simply have to remove one bolt and drop the gang out. To remove the disks and flange assemblies you take off two nuts. It takes a maximum of 20 minutes to replace the bearings.

"We haven't established how long the bearings will last yet, but we estimate that, with proper care, they should go five years without any trouble!", W. H. Beasley pointed out.

Helps Customers

"We spent a lot of time working on that bearing," Mr. Beasley concluded, "because we felt that it would help our customers save a lot of time and money. We feel that improvements such as the bearing can be developed by dealers if they're alert to such promotional possibilities. Our customers were greatly elated over the bearing, and they have spread the word throughout our trading area that we had a big hand in making their savings possible. You can't buy advertising like that at any price!"

John Deere, Baltimore, Has New General Manager

K. M. Monroe, of Moline, Ill., became general manager of the John Deere Plow Co., Baltimore, Md., effective March 15, according to a recent announcement from Deere & Co.

Monroe succeeds E. H. Woods, who resigned earlier this year as manager of the Baltimore branch house, which serves John Deere



K. M. Monroe

dealers in the central eastern seaboard states. J. L. Deffenbaugh of Deere & Co., Moline, was acting manager during the interim.

Monroe has been a member of the John Deere organization since 1939. Formerly a territory manager and then division manager for the company's Milwaukee, Wis., sub-branch, he had been manager of the central Illinois sales division of the John Deere Plow Co. of Moline since 1951.

Demonstrations Doubled Cotton Picker Sales

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enough about the future of the mechanical cotton picker to make special provision for its handling. The big machine is too bulky for the neat little display building and repair shop. A special warehouse and display lot have been delegated to it, two blocks removed from the main building. Here, a force of skilled mechanics put in much of its time in setting up the pickers, cleaning and repairing them.

Farmers like to go to the warehouse and see the big machines, some of them in the process of being assembled, others fresh from



a field demonstration, with cotton still clinging to the picking units.

"They come to look at the picker," Cross concluded, "but they don't come here to buy. The sale isn't made until the farmer gets his hands on the operating end of the picker in his own field, and, with his own eyes, sees the spindles pick cotton faster than human hands."

Specialty Lines

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comes from these lines. What major machinery it does sell, however, brings a realistic profit.

Supplying equipment for irrigation and for cotton gins makes for a profitable set-up, Cox says, since each has a different and almost opposite season from the other. That gives the company an opportunity to utilize the same selling and service organization for promoting business in both industries.

Six men make up the organization for selling the two industries, and some of the six salesmen double as service men, too, because of their exceptional mechanical knowledge of the two specialized lines—engines and carburetors.

The men call on irrigation farmers in the winter and spring to talk irrigation engines and the conversion of their other engines to the use of butane or natural gas. They work the irrigation field until most farmers have bought their major equipment needs for the coming season, then the salesmen switch to ginners in late spring and work them into the summer, since the ginning season does not open until around October 1.

The company has sold about 100 large engines for powering gins, at prices ranging up to \$20,000 each. It considers that these large engines should be completely overhauled every four years. Consequently the service department has worked out a program in which it re-builds about 25 engines a year. This results in steady income for the service department, since a rebuilding job on one of these large gin engines runs to as much as \$6,000.

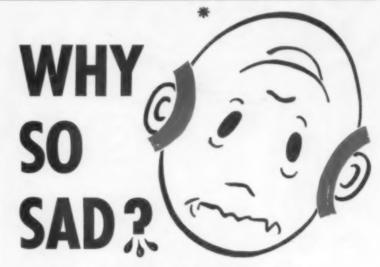
It is the job of the salesmen calling on ginners to keep a record of all engine sales, so that they may suggest overhaul jobs at the proper time, and well in advance of the actual time for doing the job, in order to keep an even flow of work moving through the service department. The same salesmen sell

carburetion conversions.

The service department has six men particularly well-trained to overhaul engines. When they go to a gin to do a major job, or if the engine is brought to the shop, three of the men work as one crew. The other crew of three take the place of the first at the end of the working day.

"This is particularly important when we repair a breakdown during ginning season," Cox points out. "When a ginner has a breakdown during ginning season, it really is a serious matter. He not only is losing business, but he is keeping customers waiting or driving them to some other gin. Consequently he demands speed in service.

"We send out six men, and the foreman divides them into two crews. Three of them work straight through for 12 hours, then the others relieve them and work 12 hours, day and night. Thus the customer sees that we're going all-out to get him out of trouble and he is inclined to remember this when he needs a new engine or carburetor."



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The company's service department works the same way when repairing an engine for a farmer during irrigating season. If his engine breaks down while he is irrigating, the service men stay with him until the engine's operating again, even though it requires a crew working all night in order to

Cox believes this type of service is more responsible than any other factor in building engine and carburetor business with irrigators and ginners.

Salesmen work most of their time outside, calling on farmers and ginners on their own premises. They obtain leads mainly from talking to customers and from tips supplied by friends or picked up from customers in the store and passed along to them. They do comparatively little "cold turkey" canvassing, for the reason that they generally have ample direct leads to keep them busy without

"We stick strictly to these two specialized lines in our business with irrigators and ginners for several reasons," Cox explained.



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"An important one is that our salesmen do not have to be engineers in order to sell engines and carburetors. They simply have to know their merchandise and what it will do for the prospect. Another reason we don't try to expand into other lines for the two industries is that other lines are too far afield from our basic business, farm machinery and equipment."

The salesmen who sell engines to farmers and ginners know enough about their product to be able to survey a man's power problem and determine the actual power he needs to perform the job he has in mind. In the case of selling an engine for irrigation, the salesman checks the depth of the well, the acreage to be watered, size of the well-hole, size and make of pump used, and the terrain. Knowing these factors, he can tell the prospect exactly how much engine power he needs.

They do basically the same thing when talking to a ginner. Company salesmen know gin machinery sufficiently to understand what power is needed to run a specific make of gin and what it requires in power for each stand operated.

"Our men are cautioned particularly not to under-power a customer's machinery, whether it be a gin or an irrigation pump," Cox says, "for if the power is not sufficient to give maximum pull with some to spare the customer is not going to be satisfied in the long run, and he will have forgotten the money he saved by taking a smaller engine. We don't over-sell on power, of course, but it's better to sell more power than needed than not enough. The customer will soon forget the extra money he paid for more power, but he will never forget the trouble caused by under-powering."

Ford Announces New Line of Spring Tooth Harrows

A NEW LINE of two-, three-, and four-section spring tooth harrows, designed to mount on all Ford tractors, is announced by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co., Birmingham, Mich.

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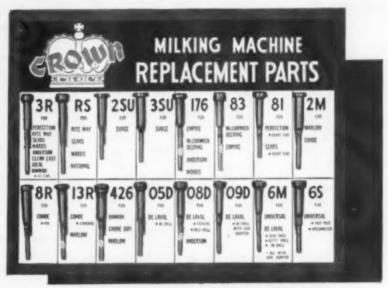
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Then the opportunity came along to buy the dealership in Monroe, Louisiana. Otto was able to take it over for a comparatively small investment. He didn't even have to draw on his credit for operating expenses—necessary funds were provided by the business itself. When Otto took over, in February of 1950, the Monroe dealership was doing a volume of around \$150,000 a year. In six short years, Otto has built it to its present annual volume

of approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

In accounting for his success, Otto puts the help and support of his family as a most important factor. His wife Ivie, a competent bookkeeper, has worked side-by-side with him in the business. Most of the remaining credit, Otto says, must go to the quality and versatility of the Ford Tractor and Implement line, and the confidence farmers have in Ford products. He does not believe he could have done a comparable job with any other line of farm machinery. Basing his judgment on 17 years of watching and working with farmers, Otto is convinced that Ford offers the best dollar's worth, and the most practical line of farm equipment for the majority of farmers in his area. And he knows that these products are made even more acceptable by the reputation for dependability and fair dealing of the Ford Motor Company.

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